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# UTILIZATION OF U. S. OTTER-TRAWL SHRIMP VESSELS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO, 1959-1961

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#### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The study is based on an analysis of the operations of a sample of 1,000 United States ofter-trawl shrimp vessels over 15 gross tons in size for each of the years 1959, 1960, and 1961.

There was substantial variation in average landings between and within vessel size classes over the time period studied. Average landings and fishing effort increased with vessel size through the 60- to 69-gross ton class, and the relative variation in productivity and fishing effort among vessels decreased through this same class. However, even within the more productive vessel size classes, such factors as weather, skill and luck of the captain and crew, and the availability of shrimp caused substantial variation in productivity and fishing effort among vessels.

The relatively high correlations between landings and days fished indicate that the "days fished" concept is an adequate measure of fishing effort. Additional fishing days on the average contributed substantially to increased landings. However, again there was considerable variation in results among vessels.

There was substantial seasonal variation in the extent to which shrimp vessels are utilized. Furthermore, this variation was inversely related to vessel size. Typically, a high proportion of the large vessels were active in shrimp fishing throughout the year which in part explains the higher annual average landings by those vessels. A substantial part of the shrimp fleet is underutilized, in the sense that it is inactive during the winter and early months of the year. If suitable alternative vessel uses could be found during those periods of low shrimp availability, the over-all economic productivity of those vessels would be increased. On the other hand, it is apparent that a substantial portion of the fleet is fully utilized in shrimp fishing when time allowance is made for vessel maintenance, running time, crew vacations, and adverse weather conditions. Many of the long-range vessels that fish over wide areas of the Gulf appear to be employed about as fully as could be expected.

#### BACKGROUND

This paper has as its purpose the presentation of the over-all purpose, procedures, and some of the findings of an extensive statistical analysis and study of shrimp vessels operating in the Gulf of Mexico. Those aspects of the findings of the study dealing with over-all vessel productivity, fishing effort, and seasonality of vessel operations are presented.

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#### OVER-ALL PURPOSE AND PROCEDURES

The basic study attempts to define the extent to which United States shrimp vessels were utilized in the Gulf of Mexico area in 1959, 1960, and 1961. Vessel utilization was measured

primarily in terms of pounds of shrimplanded and "days fished," and was examined on an annual and seasonal basis as related to vessel size, controlling port, and area fished. A "day fished" is defined as 24 hours spent in some phase of the actual fishing operation. Vessel size was measured in gross tons. The controlling port is the port with which the vessel is identified for purpose of statistical compilation. The fishing areas are those used by the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries for statistical and biological research purposes.

The basic data for the study were obtained from a random sample of 1,000 vessels selected from the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries listing on Machine Run No. 8 for each of the years 1959, 1960, and 1961. This sample size represents about one-third of the total shrimp vessels operating in the Gulf of Mexico in those years. The vessels selected were of 15 gross tons and over in size, and additional data on controlling port was obtained from the "Vessel Code Book" of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. The data from Machine Run No. 8 and that from the "Vessel Code Book" were punched on machine cards and extensive computations were made regarding landings, days fished, area fished, etc., as consistent with the purposes



A typical Louisiana offshore trawler of about 60 ft. over-all length and 16 net tons.

of the study. The findings were supported and validated by an informal field investigation throughout the Gulf area.

#### PRODUCTIVITY AND FISHING EFFORT OF SAMPLE VESSELS, 1959-1961

The landings of the 1,000 sample vessels amounted to 33.4 million pounds in 1959, 39.1 million pounds in 1960, and 27.2 million pounds in 1961 (table 1). In both 1959 and 1960 median landings per vessel were greater than the mean vessel landings. However, in 1961 this was reversed indicating that more than one-half of the vessels caught less than the arithmetic mean landings. There was considerable variability in landings among the vessels in all three years, with the greatest relative variation occurring in 1961.

The mean and median number of days fished for the 1,000 sample vessels amounted to approximately 45 to 52 days per year over the period. On a relative basis the variation among the sample vessels in terms of days fished, although considerable, was less than that on the basis of landings. The distributions of vessels in terms of days fished were more symmetrical than those when vessels were distributed on the basis of landings.

Landings and fishing effort also varied with vessel size. When the 1,000 vessels were sorted by vessel size, it was evident that average landings and days fished increased with ves
1/The median means that there are just as many vessels landing more than the median vessel as there are vessels landing less than the median vessel.

2/The arithmetic mean is synonymous with "average," which is obtained by dividing the sum of the landings by the number of vessels.

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sel size, at least through the 60- to 69-ton class (table 2). The vessels in the 60- to 69-gross-ton category recorded the highest average landings in 2 out of the 3 years and the highest average days fished in all 3 years. Furthermore, the relative variation in both landings and days fished decreased with vessel size through the 60- to 69-gross-ton category.

The relationship between productivity (as measured by landings) and fishing effort (as measured by days fished) was investigated further by simple linear regression and correlation techniques.3/ This analysis revealed a high positive relationship between landings and days fished in each of the three years (table 3). The correlation coefficients and the amount of the variation "explained" by the regression of landings on days fished were somewhat lower for the medium to large vessels than for the very small and very large vessels. While this may seem contradictory to the analysis of mean landings, it primarily is explained in terms of the seasonal patterns of fishing activity by vessel size which is to be discussed in the following section.

The average addition to landings associated with an additional day fished (as measured by the regression coefficients) amounted to 733 pounds in 1959, 766 pounds in 1960, and 617 pounds in 1961. The standard error of the estimate for all size classes and for each year indicated substantial variability in results from additional fishing effort among the vessels.

#### SEASONALITY OF VESSEL UTILIZATION OF ALL SAMPLE VESSELS

Investigation of the activity of the 1,000 sample vessels on a monthly basis revealed substantial variation in landings and effort throughout each of the years 1959, 1960, and 1961 (table 4). The seasonal patterns were essentially the same in each year except that landings in June, July, August, and September of 1961 did not rise to normal levels because of the failure of brown shrimp to appear in usual quantities in the central and western Gulf. The seasonal low of vessel activity occurs in the months of February, March, and

Table 1 - Number of Sample United States Otter-Trawl Shrimp Vessels Fishing the Gulf of Mexico Area Classified by Landings and Days Fished, 1959-1961

	1961	1960	1959
Landings	(Numb	er of Vessels R	eporting) .
1,000 Lbs.	1		
10.9 and under	191	119	1154
11.0 to 20.9	226	122	125
21.0 to 30.9	196	133	173
31.0 to 40.9	148	159	189
41.0 to 50.9	142	165	183
51.0 to 60.9	68	135	107
61.0 to 70.9	23	101	51
71.0 to 80.9	2	47	17
81.0 to 90.9	2	9	3
91.0 and over	2	13	2
Total vessels	1,000	1,003	1,004
		(1,000 Lbs.) . 39,053.9	
Total landings Mean:	27,218.4	39,053.9	33, 388, 6
	27.2	20.0	22.2
Landings per vessel	27.2	38.9	33.3
Median:			
Landings per vessel	25,2	39.0	33.6
Standard deviation of:	1		
Landings	17.0	21.5	18.6
		. (Percent)	
Coefficient of	1		1
variation of: Landings	62.4	55.3	56.1
Days Fished		ber of Vessels I	
			l l
1,000 Lbs.	-		
10.9 and under	67	88	95
11.0 to 20.9	91	55	78
21.0 to 30.9	103	100	106
31.0 to 40.9	128	123	156
41.0 to 50.9	119	118	153
51.0 to 60.9	125	151	133
61.0 to 70.9	144	122	110
71.0 to 80.9	97	98	99
81.0 to 90.9	77	78	53
91.0 and over	49	70	21
Total vessels	1,000	1,003	1,004
		. (Number) .	
Total days fished	49,595,4	51,238,7	1 45,984.5
Mean:	10000		1
Days fished per vessel	49.6	51.1	45.8
Median:	45.0	31,1	45,0
	50.0	52,2	AF 4
Days fished per vessel	50,9	34,2	45,4
Standard deviation of:			
Days fished	25.1	25.8	23.7
		(Percent)	
Coefficient of			1
variation of:			

Note: Source--Data in tables 1-4 were compiled from U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Machine Run No. 8. Landing in thousands of pounds and days fished in number of days. Four additional vessels in 1950 were inadvertently included in the tabulations. These were left in because of the difficulty of extricating the landings and effort of these vessels and further because with such a large sample size they will have little impact on the results.

April when approximately only 50 to 60 percent of the vessels are active. Vessel activity increases from the low months to a peak in July and August and then gradually declines throughout the remainder of the year. Mean landings and days fished tend to follow the same pattern. The pattern of mean days fished per trip is inverse to that just described in that the lowest 3/Regression techniques show the functional relationship between two variables. In the case of this study it gives an expected change in productivity for a given change in fishing effort. Correlation techniques measure the proportion of the variations in the dependent variable (productivity) accounted for by variations in the independent variable (effort).

Note: See table 1 for explanation of source data.

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Table 2 - Means, Medians, Standard Deviations, and Coefficients of Variation of Landings and Days Fished of Sample Vessels in the Gulf of Mexico Area, Classified by Vessel Size, 1959-1961 Median Landings Standard Deviation Coefficient of Mean Landings Vessel Size Variation of Landings of Landings and and and Days Fished Days Fished and Days Fished in Days Fished Gross Tons 1961 1960 1959 1961 1960 1959 1961 1960 1961 15 to 29: Landings (1,000 lbs.) 20.3 65.4 8.7 12.6 13.4 Percent 70.9 57.6 Days fished (no.) . . 28.9 26.6 30.7 29.5 17.5 17.7 Days 61.8 58.2 59.5 30.4 Landings (1,000 lbs.) 32.4 52.9 20.8 33.6 26.5 18,9 26.9 13.3 17.8 Percent 58.0 Days fished (no.) . 40.6 37.4 39.3 38.1 20.9 20.7 19.4 Days 46.2 51.9 44.8 40 to 49: Landings (1,000 lbs.)
Days fished (no.). 26.0 39.9 32.8 24.1 14.5 21.0 Percent 55.9 50.5 45.6 49.8 52.8 45.4 22.4 23.4 21.0 Days 46.4 46.4 46.1 48.3 50.4 50 to 59: Landings (1,000 lbs.) 31.0 Days fished (no.) . . 56.7 30.3 Percent 38.9 13.9 19.3 16.5 44.9 42.7 Days 59.2 52.5 58.4 62.1 55.3 22.6 22.5 20.6 39.9 38.0 39.2 60 to 69: Landings (1,000 lbs.) 53.3 48.1 19.0 14.8 Percent 34.9 35.8 31.0 Days fished (no.) . . 69.2 70.1 65,8 71.4 74.0 68.6 18.1 23.0 20.2 Days 26.2 32.8 30.7 70 to 79: Landings (1,000 lbs.) 42.8 Days fished (no.) . . 69.0 49.8 52.7 19.3 19.7 Percent 34.0 38.8 41.7 62.9 59.7 71.0 67.5 65.3 18.8 23.5 20.5 Days 27.2 37.4 34.3 80 and over: Landings (1,000 lbs.) 33.3 16.5 26.9 23.8 49.6 64.0 59.0 42.0 40.4 33.0 43.0 41.0 Percent 31.7 Days fished (no.) . . 24.9 52.8 55.0 51.1 48.5

average days fished per trip occur in the months of peak landings and fishing activity. This is the result of large quantities of shrimp being available close to the mainland in the central and western Gulf areas. In the early months of the year a substantial portion of the shrimp fishing activity is located off the Mexican coast and the average days fished per trip is higher.

#### SEASONALITY OF VESSEL UTILIZATION BY VESSEL SIZE

It would be suspected that weather conditions and the location of shrimp in the winter months would affect the seasonality of vessel use in the various size categories, as was the case. Typically the proportion of smaller vessels active in the early months of the year was small while a higher proportion of the medium to large vessels remained active throughout the year. Only 25 to 30 percent of the vessels in the 15- to 29-gross-ton class were active during February and March as contrasted to over 55 percent active vessels in the 60- to 69-

Vessel Size in	Correla	tion Coe	fficient	Coeffici	ent of Deterr	nination	Y	Intercept Value		
Gross Tons	1961	1960	1959	1961	1960	1959	1961	1960	1959	
15 to 29	0.90	0.91	0.93	0.81	0.83	0.86	- 805.13	- 56,18	- 241.9	
10 to 39	0.88	0.90	0.93	0.77	0.81	0.86	-1,958.79	-2,024.30	-1,793.9	
10 to 49	0.87	0.89	0.92	0.76	0.79	0.85	- 491.39	- 46,12	- 994.2	
50 to 59	0.87	0.89	0.90	0.76	0.79	0.81	603.18	962,15	40.7	
60 to 69	0.85	0.89	0.81	0.72	0.79	0.66	-3,557.59	2,304.06	9, 128.6	
70 to 79	0.90	0.81	0.92	0.81	0.66	0.85	-3,543.26	7,908.36	-4,511.1	
80 and over	0.93	0.97	0.92	0.86	0.94	0.85	-3, 204.43	-1,609.76	-3, 816.5	
All sample vessels .	0.92	0.92	0.93	0.85	0.86	0.92	-3, 398.12	- 203,91	- 327.7	
Vessel Size in		Regression Coefficients					Standard Error of Estimates			
Gross Tons	1961		1960		1959		1961	1960	1959	
15 to 29	463,64		722,86		718.07		3,889.22	5,738,25	4,986.6	
30 to 39	560.14		794.22		756,06		6,235,22	8, 126, 44	5,951.7	
10 to 49	548,88		792.26		741.56		7,265,86	9,892.74	6,684.4	
60 to 59	535,50		747.56		727.49		6,875.45	9,306.06	7,201.0	
50 to 69	649,22		726.59		586.80		7,502.83	8,670.31	8, 442.	
0 to 79	671.65		665,84		864.72		6, 164.24	11,623.21	7,799.0	
80 and over	628.81		826.98		864.47		5,876.87	6,287.73	9,764.	
All sample vessels .	617.33		766, 19		733.24		6,808,47	8,603,53	7,084.5	

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gross-ton category. The highest proportion of vessels active for all vessel size classes was recorded in July through October.

The mean landings per active vessel by size class behaved in essentially the same manner as the proportion of vessels active. The mean landings per month of the vessels in the 60- to 69-gross-ton class were higher than those of the other size classes except in July and September when the vessels of 80 gross tons and over averaged higher landings. There were substantial differences in mean landings per active vessel between vessel size classes and substantial ranges in mean landings per active vessel within size classes over the year. Peak landings for all vessel size classes occurred in the months of June through October.

Month and Year	Vessels Reporting Activity	Mean Landings Per Vessel	Mean Days Fished Per Vessel	Mean Trips Per Vessel	Mean Landings Per Day Fished	Mean Landings Per Trip	Mean Days Fished Per Trip
	No.	Lbs.	No.	No.	Lbs.	Lbs.	No.
anuary:							
1961	604	3,076	5.0	2.3	617	1,353	2.2
1960	604	2,831	4.8	2.2	585	1, 307	2.2
1959	640	1,997	4.3	2.2	462	891	1,9
ebruary:	Par.	0.000					
1961	577	2,770	5.2	2.2	535	1,261	2.4
1960	578	2,424	4.5	2.0	540	1,202	2.2
1959	564	1,891	4.9	1,9	382	986	2.6
March:	276	2 407			F44	1 400	
1961	576	3, 107	6.1	2.7	511	1,169	2.3
1960	506	2,963	5.3	2.2	558	1,337	2.4
1959	537	1,815	5.5	2.5	332	730	2.2
April:							
1961	568	2,293	5.0	2.5	462	900	1.9
1960	617	3,004	5.4	2.4	553	1,271	2.3
1959	588	1,857	5.0	2.3	374	820	2.2
May:					Maria Cara		
1961	651	2,236	5.5	2.6	404	860	2.1
1960	662	2,534	5.7	2.4	448	1,058	2.4
1959	684	2,084	5.5	2.4	380	870	2.3
une:							
1961	803	2,905	6.2	2.8	469	1,032	2.2
1960	766	3,490	6.3	2.7	555	1,293	2,3
1959	729	4,009	5.6	2.7	721	1,472	2.0
uly:							
1961	864	3,808	6.9	3.3	550	1, 156	2,1
1960	826	7,962	7.2	3.9	1,110	2,044	1.8
1959	764	6,477	6.3	3.3	1.026	1,991	1.9
August:						-	
1961	853	3, 897	7.3	3.1	532	1,274	2.4
1960	000	6,735	6.9	3.6	982	1,881	1,9
1959	795	6,066	6.1	3.3	992	1, 857	1.9
September:	-		-				
1961	770	3, 162	4.6	2.5	681	1,284	1.9
1960		5,876	6.7	3.4	868	1,745	2.0
1959	-	5,992	6.3	3.2	951	1, 867	2.0
October:							
1961	743	4, 127	6.6	3.2	623	1,276	2.0
1960		6,501	7.0	3.4	935	1,912	2.0
1959	782	5,761	6.2	3.1	932	1,850	2.0
November:			1	1			
1961	677	3, 333	5.3	2.7	626	1,248	2.0
1960		4,511	6.1	2.8	740	1,639	2.2
1959	735	3,671	4.6	2.6	796	1,437	1.8
December:	7.50	3,07.	1.0		1,,,,	-1	1
1961	676	3,381	5.8	2.1	578	1,585	2.7
1960	679	2,981	4.7	2.1	641	1,431	2.2
1959	690	3,650	4.9	2.5	742	1,469	2.0
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In terms of mean days fished by active vessels, the vessels in the 60- to 69-gross-ton class were consistently higher than the vessels in the other size classes. The seasonal pattern was less well defined by this measure of vessel utilization, although for the smaller vessel size classes it was still well defined. Seasonality was well pronounced in terms of mean

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landings per day fished for all vessel size categories, but the advantage of vessel size was less apparent.

Mean landings per fishing trip and mean days fished per trip by vessel size class clearly indicated differences associated with vessel size. The fishing trips of the larger vessels were longer and landings were greater. The vessels in the 60- to 69-gross ton class caught more shrimp per trip and made longer trips than the vessels in the other size classes. Further investigation revealed that the vessels in this size class were those which ranged the greatest distance over the Gulf of Mexico fishing the Campeche-Obregon area in the winter and spring, moving off the Texas coast in the summer and early fall, and then returning to Campeche.

#### SHRIMP RECIPES

#### SHRIMP DE JONGHE

4 cans (4) or 5 ounces each) teaspoon crushed garlic shrimp teaspoon nutmeg cup toasted dry bread crumbs teaspoon salt cup chopped green onions Dash pepper and tops cup butter or margarine, melted cup chopped parsley 3 teaspoon crushed tarragon cup sherry

Drain shrimp. Cover shrimp with ice water and let stand for 5 minutes; drain. Combine crumbs, onion, parsley, and seasonings. Add butter and sherry; mix thoroughly. Combine crumb mixture and shrimp; toss lightly. Place in a well-greased, shallow 1quart casserole. Bake in a hot oven, 400° F., for 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Serves 6.

#### SHRIMP CHOWDER

3 cans (42 or 5 ounces each) shrimp 1 cup diced potatoes 4 cup chopped onion 2 tablespoons melted teaspoon salt Dash pepper 2 cups milk fat or oil 1 cup boiling water Chopped parsley

Drain shrimp and rinse with cold water. Cut large shrimp in half. Cook onion in fat until tender. Add boiling water, potatoes, and seasonings. Cover and cook for 15 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Add milk and shrimp; heat. Garnish with parsley. Serves

#### SHRIMP MACARONI SALAD

3 cans (44 or 5 ounces each) 3 tablespoons garlic French shrimp 2 cups cooked shell macaroni 1 tablespoon lemon juice 1 cup chopped raw cauliflower 1 teaspoon grated onion 1 teaspoon celery seed 1 cup sliced celery cup chopped parsley 1 teaspoon salt 1 cup chopped sweet pickle or teaspoon pepper drained pickle relish Salad greens top mayonnaise or salad 1 hard-cooked egg, dressing

sliced

Drain shrimp. Cover shrimp with ice water and let stand for 5 minutes; drain. Cut large shrimp in half. Combine macaroni, cauliflower, celery, parsley, pickle, and shrimp. Combine mayonnaise, French dressing, lemon juice, onion, and seasonings; mix thoroughly. Add mayonnaise mixture to shrimp mixture and toss lightly; chill. Serve on salad greens. Garnish with egg slices. Serves 6.

#### PATIO SHRIMP PLATE

3 cans (44 or 5 ounces each) shrimp Lettuce Patio Shrimp Sauce 1 large cucumber, sliced

Drain shrimp. Cover shrimp with ice water and let stand for 5 minutes; drain. Arrange shrimp and cucumber slices on lettuce. Serve with Patio Shrimp Sauce. Serves 6.

#### PATIO SHRIMP SAUCE

1 cup sour cream 1 teaspoon paprika 1 tablespoon horseradish 1 tablespoon grated onion teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients and blend well.



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MAJOR CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR 1964;

Major changes in Alaska's commercial fisheries regulations for 1964, which were adopted by the Board of Fish and Game at Ketchikan in December 1963, were as follows:

The definition of long-line gear was amended to include the type which can be used for fishing salmon. This change coupled with an amendment to the International Water Area section prohibits United States nationals taking salmon by both net or long-line gear in International Waters. This action is being taken by all Pacific Coast States as well as Canada to prevent the possibility of such a high-seas fishery becoming established.

Under the General Provisions section, applicable to all Alaska waters or designated areas, the use of mechanical clam diggers is permitted in the Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, and Aleutian Islands areas.

A further amendment to this section prohibits aliems not lawfully admitted to the United States from engaging in fishing activities in waters of the State of Alaska.

Under the International Waters section, the species and covered waters was broadened to include tanner and dungeness crab besides king crab, and the area was increased to include any waters seaward of that officially designated as the territorial waters of Alaska to a depth of 200 meters, or beyond that limit, to where the depth of the superjacent waters admits of the exploitation of these crabs. This action, expanding the covered International Waters from only those seaward of Cook Inlet and Kodiak, was taken by the Board to assert and demonstrate Alaska's interest in the conservation of the resources of the continental shelf as outlined in the 1958 Geneva Conference on the Law of the Sea. Regulations promulgated by the Board for these species in Cook Inlet and Kodiak will apply in the Inter-

national Waters previously described in the regulations for these areas.

Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Area: Subdistrict No. 3 of the Yukon River, which is located from Owl Slough near Marshall upstream to the mouth of the Koyukuk River, will be open to commercial fishing 6:00 p.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Friday, four days a week, until the quota of 3,000 king salmon is taken. Commercial fishermen fishing this subdistrict! cannot transfer and fish in subdistricts No. 1 and No. 2 at a later date.

Commercial fishing for king salmon in subdistrict No. 1 of the Kuskokwim River is open two days a week, 6:00 p.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Saturday. It was the Board's decision that the king salmon run in this subdistrict should be managed by a weekly fishing period which can be adjusted according to the abundance of fish, rather than on a quota basis. Also, commercial fishing in subdistrict No. 1 of the Kuskokwim River will be allowed four days a week after August 1.

Those persons licensed to fish commercially in Norton Sound, with the exception of subdistrict No. 1, and the Kotzebue district, shall not be allowed to subsistence fish for six hours before each commercial fishing period. The intent of this regulation is to limit the lillegal selling of fish, reduce fish wastage, and still allow commercial fishermen to take sufficient quantities of salmon for subsistence.

A permit will be required for all subsistence fishermen fishing in the Tanana drainage above the mouth of the Wood River and in the Pilgrim River drainage near Nome on the Seward Peninsula. Permits are free and may be obtained from the local Department of Fish and Game office prior to fishing.

Bristol Bay Area: The outer Naknek-Kvichak boundary was extended approximately five miles at the west end to Tank Creek.

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The Egegik outer boundary was enlarged to a rectangular area projecting three miles offshore from Big Creek, due south approximately eight and one-half miles, and then due east three miles to a shore marker at Abalama Creek.

The Egegik inner boundary was enlarged slightly to just below Egg Island.

The inner boundary line of the Ugashik district was adjusted slightly to a straight line across the Ugashik River 500 yards below the terminus of King Salmon River.

A new regulation was adopted which requires each fisherman to indicate at the time of initial registration whether he is operating as an independent or a company.

Other slight changes were made in the dates to allow for calendar changes in 1964.

Alaska Peninsula Area: The Herendeen-Moller Bay section will open to fishing with set nets, drift nets, hand purse seines, and purse seines from May 4 through July 17. Closures were placed on the heads of the bays to give the milling areas protection.

All other changes concerned closed areas. Sandy and Bear Rivers will be closed 2,000 yards off the mouths during the peak of the runs, after which they will be reduced to 500 yards.

Warmsprings Bay will be closed 1 mile from the mouth of the main stream.

The closure at Thin Point Cove and Lagoon was extended to encompass the entire cove. The closure at the head of Cold Bay was enlarged.

Also adopted was an extension of the closure at San Diego Bay to 1 mile after July 18, and the upper end of Stepovak Bay, from Dent Point to Kupreanof Point, will close after July 15.

A razor clam season was opened with hydraulic dredges, forks, and shovels as legal gear.

No changes were made in the Aleutian Islands Area.

Chignik Area: Opening and closing dates for the Eastern district were adopted for taking salmon as follows: June 8 through Au-

gust 14 and from August 31 through September 25. This district formerly was opened and closed by field announcement.

Use of a hydraulic clam digger is now legal and a season for razor clams was established, January 1 to July 15 and September 15 to December 31. Hardshell clams may be taken from January 1 to December 31.

Kodiak Area: The Moser-Olga Bay and Alitak Bay sections of the Alitak district will open on July 13 and close on August 14. The weekly fishing period during this time will be seven days.

The Inner Karluk and Uyak sections of the Karluk district will have a mid-season closure from July 3 to July 13. The weekly fishing periods will be seven days to July 3, five days from July 13 to August 7, three days from August 10 to August 21, and seven days from August 24 to September 25.

The Uganik and Afognak sections of the Karluk district will be closed from July 3 to July 13 with a seven day weekly fishing period,

The Red River, Sturgeon River, Uyak Bay, Uganik, Afognak, General and Mainland districts will have a five day weekly fishing period from June 1 to July 17, and a seven day weekly fishing period from July 20 to September 25,

The inshore end of all set nets must be attached to the shore above mean low water in 1964.

The Deadman Bay, East Arm (Mush Bay), Sharatin Bay, and Seal Bay closures were enlarged.

Legal gear for taking razor clams will include hydraulic mechanical diggers.

Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Area: Regulatory changes enacted by the Board of Fish and Game for the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Area for 1964 include closing the king salmon season to commercial fishing. Provision was made that king salmon caught accidentally while fishing for other species may be used for subsistence and welfare purposes only. Along with this major conservation move, the Board set June 25 as opening date for other species of salmon in the Northern, North Central, and South Central districts. Opening date for these districts last year was

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June 6; most of the Inlet's king salmon catch in recent years has been taken prior to June 25. In another move aimed at helping to re-build depleted king salmon runs in the Inlet, the Board established a maximum mesh size of six inches for all gill nets in the Inlet.

Other action by the Board on Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay regulations includes redefining the Southern and Kamishak Bay districts to allow a larger area for unlimited pot fishing by king crab fishermen, and a southern boundary at the latitude of Cape Douglas was established for both the Outer and Eastern districts. June 8 was set as opening date for the Southern district, and all opening and closing times for salmon fishing were changed to 9:00 a.m. A seven day week fishing period was established for the Kamishak Bay district. Gill nets were made illegal in the eastern district, except for subsistence fishing, and all set nets are now to be restricted to 45 meshes in depth.

The east shore of Port Graham was closed to fishing by set nets, and three traditionally fished set net areas near Harriet Point were opened to set nets.

New subsistence fishing regulations include a mandatory permit for salmon and freshwater species (except that no trout, grayling, or char may be taken for subsistence in fresh water), and a report is required of all subsistence fish taken. A limit of 50 salmon was set for subsistence fishermen, and no subsistence fishing will be allowed in areas closed to commercial fishing for salmon except for the northwest shore of Knik Arm. Subsistence fishing will not be allowed north of Cottonwood Creek on Knik Arm.

Except for the opening dates, subsistence fishing in the Northern, North Central, South Central, and Southern districts will be in conformance with all commercial regulations, with identification of gear to consist of name and address of owner. August 20 has been set for opening dates for subsistence fishing in the North Central, South Central and Southern districts, with August 3 for the Northern district, except for that part of the district in the Moquawkie Indian Reservation, which opens June 25 for subsistence fishing.

Subsistence fishing in the Eastern and Outer districts will be in conformance with commercial regulations, and identification of fishing gear shall consist of name and address of

owner. Subsistence set nets will be allowed in the Eastern and Southern districts in all areas of these districts open to commercial fishing for salmon.

Prince William Sound Area: The Prince William Sound purse seine season will open July 13 with a weekly fishing period from 6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 a.m. Saturday. Also in 1964, purse seines will be allowed to fish with drift gill nets in the early Coghill district fishery. Eshamy district will be closed again in 1964.

Changes in the crab fishery included a color-marking system for crab-pot buoys instead of the present numbering system. To allow additional crab fishing area, open throughout the year, the "Inside" area north boundary was changed to run from Johnstone Point to Sheep Point.

Copper and Bering River drift gill-net districts will open May 14. Changes in the subsistence fishery were made to restrict the up-river fishing to the main Copper River. In addition, the lower Copper River subsistence limit was reduced, allowing a catch of five kings, ten reds, and ten silvers.

Yakutat Area: No changes were made in the Yakutat regulations from those in effect during 1963.

Southeastern Alaska Area: Several of the fishing districts had minor changes in that some sections were renumbered and one district, number 9 in Southern Chatham Strait, was divided into two sections: 9-A on the west side and 9-B on the east.

District 1 in the Ketchikan area was redivided into six sections.

Seymour Canal in District 11 was designated as Section 11-D.

The section changes are to simplify emergency regulations and will be incorporated into the new Southeastern maps that accompany the printed regulations.

Trolling 7 days per week in District 8 was extended to include the whole district instead of the old "extended area;" this to be effective except during the gill net season, when both types of gear will fish three days per week.

Troll restrictions were relaxed in Kootznahoo Inlet, Idaho Inlet, Tenakee Inlet, Port

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Commercial dungeness crab fishing was prohibited in several bays near Ketchikan: Carroll Inlet, George Inlet, Bostwick Inlet, Traitors Cove, Smugglers Cove, Spacious Bay, Moser Bay, Helm Bay, Yes Bay, and Port Stewart.

Minimum mesh sizes for shrimp trawls were prescribed for cotton and synthetic mesh in Districts 6, 8, and 10.

The purse seine regulations had one minor change adopted requiring the marking on the cork line of all purse seines, every tenfathoms of length by double corks, that must be of a color that is in contrast with the color of the corks in the cork line.

All purse seine openings are to be by field announcement,

Amendments to the gill net section of the regulations provide for opening dates in sections 1-A and 1-B (formerly 1-B and 1-C), on June 14, sections 6-A and 6-B open on June 15.

Additional areas were added to the list of closed waters in 115.21. Among them were Edwards Passage, Nakat Bay, Nossuk Bay, Salt Lake Bay, Navy Creek, Canoe Pass, Menefee Inlet and Union Bay. The closure in Redfish Bay in District 13 was relaxed. (Alaska Department of Fish and Game, December 20, 1963.)

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## COOK INLET CLOSED TO KING SALMON FISHING IN 1964:

In December 1963, the Alaska Board of Fish and Game issued regulations closing Cook Inlet to all king salmon fishing (both sport and commercial) during 1964. It had become apparent that this once important run of fish was declining in abundance. The most obvious cause was overfishing.

During the late 1930's and the 1940's the annual commercial catch of king salmon in the Cook Inlet area was steady at around 77,000 fish and in 1951 it increased to a high of 187,000. But the largest catch since 1958 was only 28,000 fish with a low of 17,600 in 1963. The sport fishery has brought increasing pressure on the resource as the number

of people in the Anchorage and Kenai areas has grown.

Since 1959, sport and commercial fishing for Cook Inlet king salmon has been increasingly restricted, but king salmon escapement has not improved. It was felt, therefore, that drastic action was needed to rebuild the run before it declined to a point where extensive and expensive artificial aids would be needed for recovery. The Alaska Commissioner of Fish and Game pointed out that many miles of spawning streams used by Cook Inlet king salmon remain intact and have the fish-producing potential of the 1940's. What is required is a greater number of fish on the rearing grounds. This should be provided by the action taken by the Alaska Board of Fish and Game, (Alaska Department of Fish and Game, December 14, 1963.)

#### FOREIGN FISHING EFFORTS REDUCED IN OCTOBER 1963:

With the onset of autumn storms in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea, Soviet and Japanese fishing efforts continued to decline. By the end of October most vessels had departed the Gulf area. The Soviet fleet strength diminished to less than 20 vessels in waters off Alaska and Japanese fisheries comprised about 20 vessels in the eastern Bering Sea at the close of October 1963.

U.S.S.R.: The trawl fisheries off southwest Kodiak Island, which since early summer 1963 have received the major Soviet effort, were continually reduced throughout October and by the last week of that month had entirely withdrawn from the area. Soviet fisheries had then dwindled to relatively minor trawling efforts in the mid-Aleutian chain region and a whaling fleet operating far west in the Attu Island area.

Japan: Japanese fishing efforts during October were reduced to a shrimp fishery near the Pribilof Islands and two factory trawlers conducting "exploratory" fishing off southwest Kodiak. The Japanese "exploratory" efforts in the Gulf of Alaska were scheduled to terminate at the end of October 1963.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA APPOINTS FISHERY EXTENSION COURSE SPECIALIST TO FACULTY:

The University of Alaska has appointed John P. Doyle as a member of its faculty to

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to conduct extension education courses for commercial fishermen patterned after the University's prospecting and mining extension courses. This development is a direct result of the enthusiastic acceptance of the Fisherman's Short Courses offered the past two years by the University of Alaska in cooperation with the Ketchikan Technological Laboratory.

### Alaska Fishery Investigations

LARGE RED SALMON SPAWNING POPULA-TION DISCOVERED IN NAKNEK RIVER:

In early October 1963, while preparing the King Salmon station for the winter, several trips were made by U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries biologists to the outlet of Naknek Lake to observe the progress of red salmon spawning. In the past it was known that reds spawned in the upper end of the Naknek River, but it was thought their numbers were insignificant in relation to those occupying the better known areas in the upper lakes of the system. Observations made in the fall of 1963 indicate that, at times, spawners utilizing that area represent a substantial segment of the Naknek run. That section may have escaped notice up to now because the spawners are difficult, if not impossible, to observe from the air because of water depth and coloration of the bottom.

Spawning took place over a distance of about three miles, from one-half mile below Gull Island to the head of the rapids. Spawning began in the first week in September and continued through the first week in October, occurring first in the area just above the rapids. By mid-October 1963 only a few spawners were left on the shallow shelf at the outlet.

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KARLUK RIVER RED SALMON SPAWNING VERIFIED:

The upper Karluk River study was terminated on October 1, 1963, and Portage weir was removed. A mark and recapture technique was used to estimate the number of red salmon spawning in the upper Karluk River. Salmon were tagged at Karluk Portage, on the Karluk River seven miles downstream from the lake outlet, and tagged fish entering the lake were recorded as they passed through Karluk weir. An estimated 47,000 red salmon, were from Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

representing 10 percent of the total escapement, remained in the river to spawn. The fraction remaining in the river to spawn is in close agreement with past estimates based on aerial surveys. Adult escapement of red salmon to Karluk Lake numbered 404,543 by October 14.

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HEAVY FISHING RATE SHOWN ON TAGGED KING CRABS:

About 20 percent of the tagged king crab released during August and September 1963, have been recaptured by fishermen on the Portlock and Albatross Banks north and east of Kodiak. It was expected that a further substantial percentage of the 1963 tags would be returned during the 1963/64 winter as the fishing effort intensifies in the offshore areas.

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SHRIMP POTS IN VERTICAL STRING FISH BETTER WITH BLACK MESH:

After preliminary trials in August 1963, a vertical string of six shrimp pots was set again in Tutka Bay in 45 fathoms of depth. Since there was a question of avoidance by shrimp of the pots covered with white nylon mesh, the pots were fished in black mesh-white mesh pairs at each level.

The results of this preliminary experiment were interesting. Light catches of shrimp were taken at all levels and the black meshcovered pots appeared to be more effective than the natural white nylon at all levels except the topmost. At the 1-fathom level mostly pink shrimp were taken, pinks and coonstripe were caught at the 10-fathom level, and mostly coonstripes were taken at from 10 to 45 fathoms.



#### California

FISHERMEN'S INCOME, 1962:

About \$17,596,000 was paid in wages during 1962 to approximately 2,076 California fishermen covered by State unemployment insurance. The annual average wage paid the covered California fishermen was \$8,476. About one-half of California's covered fishermen worked out of ports in San Diego County

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The average wage paid to fishermen in 1962 was \$10,427 in San Diego County and \$7,956 in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The average wage paid covered California workers in "all industries" in 1962 was \$5,891. (State of California, Department of Employment.)

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GROWTH STUDIES OF ENGLISH SOLE AND BOTTOMFISH IN MONTEREY BAY:

M/V "Nautilus" Cruise 63-N-5a-b-Bottom-fish (October 8-12 and December 3-7, 1963):
These two cruises to collect juvenile and adult English sole in Monterey Bay in the vicinity of Moss Landing were the first of a series by the California Department of Fish and Game research vessel Nautilus. The fish were measured, and interopercle bones were taken for age determinations to be used in growth analysis.

A modified 1¼-inch mesh Gulf of Mexico shrimp trawl with a 1-inch cod end was used on these cruises. Trawling covered both sides

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Area of trawling.

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Cruises 63-N-5a and b (bottomfish) by research vessel Nautilus, showing trawling area and stations.

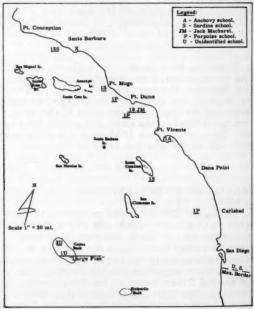
of Monterey Canyon in depths of 5 to 48 fathoms and the net was towed about 15 minutes at each station.

A total of 44 trawls was made during both cruises. From the stations worked, 1,372 juvenile and adult English sole were measured and their sex determined. The fish ranged from 86 to 380 millimeters (about 3.4 to 15 inches) long. Females were most abundant in the 200-250 millimeter (about 7,9 to 9.8 inches) size group. Two interopercle bones from each centimeter size group were selected for each sex. Samples of Dover sole (Microstomus pacificus) and petrale sole (Eopsetta jordani) were also measured and their sex determined. All cephalopods were preserved for study.

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PELAGIC FISH POPULATION SURVEY CONTINUED:

Airplane Spotting Flight 63-10 (October 8-9, 1963): Surveys to determine the distribution and abundance of pelagic fish schools in the southern California area were continued by the California Department of Fish and Game Twin Beechcraft N5614D in the inshore area from Point Conception to San Diego and the



Pelagic fish survey flight 63-10.

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offshore islands and banks off southern California and northern Baja California, Mexico.

General haze throughout the flight area (Pt. Vicente to San Diego, Sixtymile and Cortez Banks, and San Clemente and Santa Catalina Islands) on October 8, reduced aerial visibility to 15 miles. Water visibility was good although there was some surface glare.

At Cortez Bank, one school of large tunalike fish was seen but not identified as to species. Two schools of smaller unidentified fish were also seen. Positive identification was not possible because those fish sounded whenever the plane passed overhead. One small school of Pacific sardines (Sardinops caeruleus) was seen off Church Rock at the south end of Santa Catalina Island.

On October 9, the inshore area between Pt. Vicente to Point Conception and the offshore area in the vicinity of San Miguel, Santa Cruz, and the Anacapa Islands were surveyed.

Air and water visibilities were fair. No fish schools were sighted around the islands. In northeast Santa Monica Bay, between Pt. Vicente and Pt. Dume, 18 jack mackerel (Trachurus symmetricus) and 2 unidentified porpoise schools were seen. Twelve schools of sardines were noted north of Santa Barbara and one off Pt. Mugu.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, December 1963 p. 17, November 1963 p. 21, September 1963 p. 14.

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Airplane Spotting Flight 63-11 (October 14-17, 1963): The survey to determine the inshore distribution and abundance of pelagic fish schools was continued by the California Department of Fish and Game Cessna "182" 9042T during flights over the inshore area from the United States-Mexican Border to Monterey, California.

The area from Point Vicente to Monterey was flown on October 14. Weather and visibility were poor south of Jalama Park (Point Arguello) but very good to the north. Water visibility followed the same pattern.

A large school group of northern anchovies (Engraulis mordax) was seen between Mussel Point and Piedras Blancas. This group, comprising 293 separate schools, was one of the largest observed from the air in several months. Many of the schools were being harassed by sea lions and porpoises from below and birds from above. Twenty-four anchovy

schools were counted in exceptionally clear water between Piedras Blancas and Point Sur where fish schools are seldom seen.

Coastal waters from the United States-Mexican Border to Point Vicente were scouted on October 15. Water visibility was poor. Air visibility was limited to 10 miles by haze and smoke. Thirty-two anchovy schools were sighted, all off the La Jolla-Torrey Pines area.

On October 16, the scheduled flight was cancelled by bad weather.

The inshore area from the United States-Mexican Border to Jalama Park was flown on October 17. Air and water visibility were only fair. Twenty-five schools of "pinhead" anchovies were seen off of the "barn," a sailor's landmark on Camp Pendleton. Eight killer whales (Orcinus orca) were seen 2 miles north and \(\frac{3}{4}\) miles offshore from Point Dume; the 6 adults and 2 juveniles were slowly swimming south. This was only the second sighting of those mammals since the monthly flights were inaugurated in 1956.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, Dec. 1963 p. 19.



## Central Pacific Fisheries Investigations

TUNA STUDIES CONTINUED:

M/V "Charles H. Gilbert" Cruise 69-Ahipalaha II (October 7-December 13, 1963): A study of the spawning seasons and spawning areas in the albacore fishing grounds of the South Pacific Ocean was the primary objective of this 10-week cruise by the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries research vessel Charles H. Gilbert. The purpose of the cruise is reflected in its designation, for "ahipalaha" is the Hawaiian name for albacore tuna. The first survey in this series was made in the spring of 1962.

The investigation centered around the New Hebrides Islands, Fiji Islands, New Caledonia, and American Samoa. In that area, the expedition fished Japanese-type long-line gear for 19 days and took over 200 albacore. The rate of catch compared favorably with that of Japanese and Korean long-liners that work the same waters. In addition to the albacore, the 19 long-line stations fished within that area also yielded 21 yellowfin, 17 big-eyed, and 4 skipjack tuna, as well as 6 other tuna

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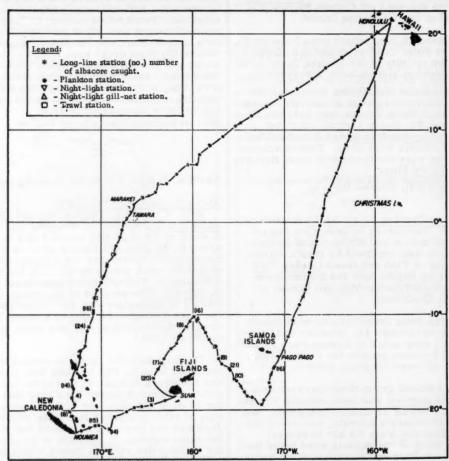
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which were damaged beyond recognition. Other species caught were: 10 spearfishes, 20 sharks, and 51 miscellaneous fish. The albacore (48 females, 147 males, and 9 unsexed) were generally large adults ranging in size from 85 to 108 centimeters (33.5 to 42.5 inches). Of the females, 21 percent had either spentor immature ovaries, 73 percent had maturing ovaries, and 6 percent had near-ripe ovaries, indicating that the albacore were not quite ready to spawn.

Scientists on the Charles H. Gilbert reported that the albacore were generally approaching a spawning condition, but were not quite ready to spawn. The expedition also made many hauls in the survey area with fine-

mesh nets designed to collect the young of tuna. Detailed laboratory study of the larval and juvenile specimens will provide a check on the information drawn from examination of adult spawners. The stomachs of large fish which prey on young tuna were also collected to provide an additional check on spawning information inferred from the examination of the adults.

Blood samples were collected from albacore, yellowfin, big-eyed, and skipjack tuna, and blue marlin. In addition, blood samples were collected from white-tip and great blue sharks. A sample of bloods was airshipped to the Bureau's Honolulu Laboratory from Suva, Fiji



M/V Charles H. Gilbert, Cruise 69 (Ahipalaha II), October 7-December 13, 1963.

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A total of 152 surface and 140-meter oblique plankton tows, three 6-foot Isaacs-Kidd trawl hauls, 8 night-light collections, and 4 small-mesh gill-net stations were made in order to capture larval and juvenile tunas. Gross examination of plankton samples at sea indicated the presence of a fair number of larval tunas. One juvenile tuna was caught by night-light fishing but nothing was taken by the small-mesh gill nets.

None of the tuna ovaries examined contained eggs in suitable condition for artificial fertilization. One sample of albacore eggs which was quite advanced in development, though not fully ripe, and measuring 0.88 to 1,06 millimeters (0.03 to 0.04 inches) in diameter, was fertilized, but due probably to unsuitable milt condition none of the eggs showed any sign of embryonic development. The milt used in this instance was quite thick and not freely flowing as those usually encountered in running ripe males.

One juvenile tuna of undetermined species about 4 centimeters (1.6 inches) long was caught at a night-light fishing station (latitude 08°10° N.; longitude 178°07° W.) on October 13. Shipboard rearing was not attempted because the juvenile tuna was in an extremely weakened condition.

Since emphasis was placed on the collections of data for serological and gonad condition studies, only a few albacore tuna were tagged. Seven albacore which were considered to be in good condition were tagged and released. Those albacore ranged in length from 89 to 99 centimeters (35 to 39 inches). In addition, three small yellowfin, 67 to 75 centimeters (26.4 to 29.5 inches) long, which came up in viable condition were tagged and released.

Other developments and observations during this cruise were as follows:

- 1. The condition of all albacore ovaries was noted. Although no ripe ovaries were encountered, a few ovaries were preserved for laboratory examination.
- 2. No ripe ovaries of other tunas or marlins were found.
- Stomach contents of 128 fish were preserved.
- Enough drift cards to make 34 releases were available for this cruise. These were

released with the first 35 bathythermograph (BT) observations.

- 5. The thermograph and barograph were operated continuously during the cruise.
- 6. A total of 197 weather observations were made at 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800 G.C.T. daily and transmitted to the Weather Bureau whenever possible.
- 7. A total of 172 BT casts were made during the cruise. Surface salinity samples were collected with each BT cast.
- 8. Two lures were trolled during daylight hours. The catch consisted of only one dolphin.
- 9. During the cruise, 55 surface fish schools and bird flocks were sighted. Twelve were identified as skipjack tuna and 43 were unidentified.
- 10. All remoras found attached to fish and other objects were collected and brought back alive in the research vessel's bait tank, as requested by the University of Hawaii. The remoras will be used for physiological studies.
- Flying fish that landed on deck were preserved.
- 12. Two long-line stations were fished in "big-eyed tuna waters," yielding only 2 big-eyed tuna, 2 yellowfin, 1 skipjack, 2 sharks, and 12 miscellaneous fish.
- 13. At Marakei Atoll, Gilbert Islands, a poison station was conducted to collect reef fishes for ichthyotoxism studies by a scientist of the University of Hawaii.
- 14. A participant scientist of the Agency for International Development (AID), studying tuna long-line fishing, completed the first phase of his training program aboard the Charles H. Gilbert. He disembarked at Pago Pago, American Samoa, to continue on the second phase of his training.

  Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, December 1963 p. 25.



### Chesapeake States

FISHERIES LANDINGS, 1962:

The 1962 commercial catch of fish and shellfish landed in the Chesapeake States

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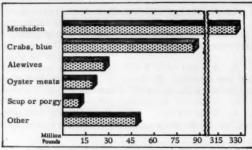
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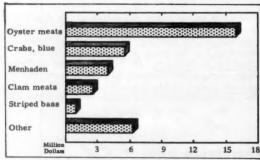
(Maryland and Virginia) totaled 521.5 million pounds valued at \$33.6 million ex-vessel. This was an increase of 43.6 million pounds or 9 percent but a decline of \$3.5 million (9 percent) compared with 1961.



Chesapeake States catch, 1962.

The gain in quantity was due chiefly to menhaden landings of 327.9 million pounds-29.2 million pounds more than in 1961. The catch of hard blue crabs (81.3 million pounds) exceeded the peak production of 1950 by 7.4 million pounds and established a new record. The production of alewives (more than 27 million pounds) was up about 10 million, and there were moderate increases in production of sea bass, spot, white perch, and clams over the previous year. The yield of oyster meats (20 million pounds) declined 7.6 million pounds, while slighter decreases occurred in the catch of croaker and striped bass.

The decline in value resulted largely from reduced landings of high-priced oysters. The value would have dropped even



Value of Chesapeake States catch, 1962.

more except for the increased production of crabs and menhaden,

Virginia landings of 454 million pounds accounted for 87 percent of the total production in the Chesapeake States. Virginia also led in value of the catch with \$21.7 million or 65 percent of the total. The Maryland and Virginia catch was taken by 16,806 fishermen operating in 1,191 vessels of 5 or more net tons, 8,759 motor boats, and 1,045 other boats.



#### **Films**

#### NEW FILM ON OCEANOGRAPHY PRODUCED BY U. S. NAVY:

A new motion-picture film, "Oceanography--Science for Survival," was previewed by the Interagency Committee on Oceanography (ICO) on November 21, 1963. The film is in color, has a sound track, and runs 42 minutes. It was financed by the United States Navy and produced by the Naval Photographic Center.



This picture of an oceanographic survey ship under way is taken from the Navy's newest motion picture, "Oceanography -- Science for Survival."

Early in 1964 the film will be distributed under the auspices of the ICO. The film gives an excellent, fast-moving account of Government oceanography activities, including those of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. It begins and ends with scenes

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in which the late President Kennedy speaks in behalf of a strong National Oceanographic Program. The work of the Federal Council for Science and Technology and of the ICO in coordinating the oceanographic program is strongly emphasized. The film serves a useful purpose in explaining oceanography to Members of Congress, to students, and to the public in general.



### Fish Farming

SLAT TRAPS TESTED FOR HARVESTING FISH PONDS:

To determine their effectiveness for catching small numbers of catfish on short notice, slat traps were tested in the fall of 1963 in an Arkansas fish pond. The testing was done by gear experts of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. An apparent relationship to the catch rate was the decoying effect of early-caught catfish attracting others to the same trap. One fairly high catch of 121 pounds of channel catfish made during a 48-hour set emphasized the decoying effect. Over onehalf of the fish were reported taken by one of the 10 traps set, and it was jammed so full that one more fish could not have forced itself through the opening. This behavior is successfully used in other fresh-water fisheries and Bureau personnel will continue to study it in future slat-trap fishing tests.



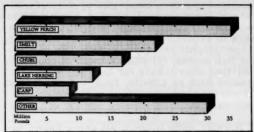
#### Great Lakes

FISHERIES LANDINGS, 1962:

The 1962 United States and Canadian commercial catch of fishery products in the Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, and the International Lakes of northern Minnesota amounted to 123.4 million pounds. The catch was 3 million pounds more than in 1961, with domestic landings accounting for slightly more than half of the total volume.

From those lakes in 1962, United States fishermen took 65,6 million pounds of fish valued at \$5,5 million. The quantity declined 5 million pounds (7 percent) and the value, \$1.4 million (21 percent) compared with 1961. The reduction in value resulted largely from increased landings of low-priced fish taken

for industrial use and a decline in the catch of fish taken for human food.



United States and Canadian catch, 1962.

United States landings of sheepshead, chubs, and lake herring declined sharply in 1962 and slighter decreases occurred in the production of smelt, white bass, catfish, yellow pike, carp, common whitefish, and suckers. There was a substantial increase in the catch of yellow perch and alewives during 1962 while tullibee landings were up slightly compared with the previous year.

The State of Michigan led in production with a catch of over 22 million pounds—a loss of more than 2 million compared with 1961. Wisconsin was next with landings totaling 19 million pounds (down nearly 3 million from 1961), while Ohio was in third place with a catch of 15 million pounds—slightly less than a year earlier.

For the third successive year, Lake Michigan was the leading contributor to the United States catch with a take of 23.5 million pounds--down 2 million from 1961. Lake Erie was second with 19.7 million pounds, followed by Lake Superior with landings of 12.6 million pounds. The Lake Erie production was about the same as the previous year but the Lake Superior catch fell 2 million pounds below the 1961 level. Catches in the remaining lakes showed little change compared with 1961.



## Great Lakes Fisheries

## **Exploration and Gear Research**

TRAWLING INVESTIGATIONS IN NORTHERN LAKE MICHIGAN AND GREEN BAY CONTINUED:

R/V "Kaho" Cruise 14 (October 23-November 25, 1963): The fourth in a series of cruises

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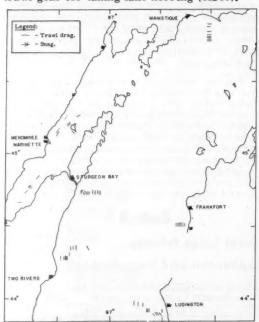
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to determine the commercial feasibility of otter trawling in Green Bay and northern Lake Michigan has been completed by the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries research vessel Kaho. Technical objectives of the cruise were to extend seasonal knowledge concerning (1) geographic and depth distribution of various fish stocks, (2) effectiveness of commercial-type otter trawls for catching abundant species such as alewife, chub, and smelt, and (3) effects of trawling on certain protected species.

Alewife were taken in all areas fished except off Frankfort, and chubs were taken in all areas fished except in Green Bay and off Manistique. Although the four cruises have provided good indications that trawling is feasible in these waters, production rates have been somewhat smaller and species composition of catches is different from that experienced in the lower end of Lake Michigan.

A portion of the time originally scheduled for this cruise was utilized for a short survey in the Whitefish Bay area of Lake Superior in an effort to determine the suitability of ottertrawl gear for taking lake herring (cisco).



Lake Michigan explorations R/V Kaho Cruise 14 (October-November, 1963).

A total of 65 drags was made with a 52foot (headrope) Gulf of Mexico type fish trawl during 17 days of operation. Twelve drags were made in Green Bay and 53 were made at 5 stations in Lake Michigan proper, Depths fished ranged from 4 fathoms in Green Bay to 80 fathoms in Lake Michigan.

All drags were of 30 minutes except for three shorter ones in Green Bay which included one that hung up and two that were terminated when set nets were encountered and one other drag in Green Bay which lasted 80 minutes.

Bottom topography and bathymetric distribution of fish were continuously recorded with a high-resolution, "white-line" type depth recorder. Obvious rough bottom areas were avoided during the cruise, and relatively minor gear damage was experienced during only two drags.

FISHING RESULTS, GREEN BAY: Two catches of alewife -- 800 and 900 pounds -were taken at 4 and 5 fathoms in the southern end of the bay (see table 1). Four catches of alewife, ranging from 480 to 625 pounds, were made at depths of 10, 12, and 20 fathoms just north of Menominee. Significant individual catches of smelt, spottail shiner, carp, and sucker of 320, 125, 85, and 50 pounds, respectively, were taken in separate drags. Other than the above, the catches included

Table 1 - Summary of Catch Rate and Species Composition

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Depth	Alew	ife	Sme		Other S	pecies	Total
(Fms.)	Pounds	% of	Pounds		Pounds		Pounds
(*)	Caught	Catch	Caught	Catch	Caught	Catch	Caught
4	800	86	1/Tr.		2/125	14	925
5	900	96	Tr.		40	4	940
7	-	-				-	3/
7	Tr.	-	Tr.	-	4/285	100	5/285
9	100	100	-	-	Tr.	-	5/100
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10	530	100	Tr.	-	Tr.	-	6/530
12	480	97	15	3	Tr.	-	495
12	625	99	5	1	Tr.	-	630
12	100	100	Tr.	-	Tr.		100
19	160	80	40	20	-	-	200
20	150	83	30	17	-	-	180
20	480	60	320	40	Tr.	-	800

2/Includes: 85 lbs. carp, 33 lbs. yellow perch, 7 lbs. sucker.

3/Snagged, tore net. 4/Includes: 190 lbs. spottail shiner, 75 lbs. sucker, 20 lbs. yellow perch.

5/Terminated drag in less than 30 minutes when gill nets were encountered. Catch figures equated to 30-minute period. 6/Equated to 30-minute period--actual catch was 1,400 lbs. in 80-minute drag.

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Table 2 - Summary of Catch Rate and Species Composition Resulting from 30-Minute Trawl Drags at Certain Stations in Wisconsin

			Waters	of Northern	Lake Mich	igan					
		Ale	wife	Small	Chubs	Large	Chubs	Other S		Total	
Area	Nearest 5-Fathom Depth Interval	Pounds Caught	% of Catch	Pounds Caught							
	10 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	15	985	98	7	1	2	-	6	1	1,000	
	20	700	93	20	3	1	-	1/29	4	750	
	25	500	61	260	32	10	1	1/50	6	820	
	30	400	52	275	36	14	2	1/76	10	765	
	35	100	9	930	84	30	3	1/50	4	1,110	
Two Rivers	2/40	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-,	
, wo levels	45	3/Tr.	- 1	300	98	5	2	Tr.	-	305	
	45 50	Tr.	-	150	96	2	1	5	3	157	
	60	-	- 1	100	82	2	2	14/20	16 65	122	
	70	-	-	40	33	2	2	4/20	65	122	
- (	80	5	13	10	25	-	-	4/25	62	40	
(	5/10	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	
	15	700	97	1	-	-	-	1/24	3	725	
	20	400	84	40	8	20	4	1/20	4	480	
	25 30 35	600	61	250	26 37	30	3	17100	10	980	
Sturgeon Bay	30	200	50	150	37	5	1	1/50	12	405	
sungeon Day	35	150	25	400	67	12	2	1/38	6	600	
	40	20	6	250	81	8	3	1/32	10	310	
	45	Tr.	-	220	98	5	2	Tr.	-	225	
	50	Tr.	-	100	89	2	2	4/10	9	113	
	60	-	-	80	36 33	-	-	4/140	64	220	
(	70	-	-	15	33	-	-	4/30	67	45	

1/Mostly smelt. 2/No effort--rough bottom conditions. 3/Tr. - trace, less than 1 pound. 4/Mostly sculpin. 5/Cod end damaged--no fish caught.

Table 3 - Summary of Catch Rate and Species Composition Resulting from 30-Minute Trawl Drags at Certain Stations in Michigan
Waters of Northern Lake Michigan

	The Street of the		wife	Small		Large (		Other S	pecies	Total
Area	Nearest 5-Fathom Depth Interval	Pounds Caught	% of Catch	Pounds Caught	% of Catch	Pounds Caught	% of Catch	Pounds Caught	% of Catch	Pounds Caught
	10	40	98	1/Tr.	-	-	-	1	2	41
	15	275	92	10	3	4	1	11	4	300
	20	650	70	250	27	14	2	11	1	925
	25	250	28	600	68	25 30	3	10	1	885
udlanton	30	100	9	1,000	88	30	3	Tr.	-	1,130
udington	35	50	8	550	90	9	2	1	-	610
	40	-	-	370	97	10	3	-	-	380
	45	-	-	370	99	10 5 5	1	Tr.	- 1	375
	50	-	-	270	88	5	2	2/30	10	305
	60	Tr.	- 1	100	67	5	3	2/45	30	150
	70	Tr.	- 1	30	65 57	1	2	2/15	33	46
	80	-	-	20	57	-	-	2/15	43	46 35
	20 25 30	Tr.	-	170	85 86	29 54	15	1	0	200 390 1, 120
	25	Tr.	-	335	86	54	14	1	0	390
	30	Tr.	-	1,100	98	19	2	1	0	1, 120
	35 40	Tr.	-	630	96	24	4	1	0	655
rankfort	40	-	- 1	605	92	20 20 20 15	3	2/35 2/45	0 5 8 2	660
	45	-	- 1	540	89	20	3	2/45	8	605
	50	-	-	245	91	20	7	5	2	270
	60	-	-	500	84	15	3	2/80	13	595
	70	-	- 1	90	34	5	2	2/170	64	265
	80	-	-	10	5	-	0	2/200	95	210
	1 10	23	70	1	3	-	-	9	27	33
	15 20 25	41	57	2	3	3	4	3/26	36	72
	20	385	79 84	7	1	7	1	3/91	19	490
Maniations	25	360	84	45	11	16	4	4	1	425
Manistique	30 35	36	16	170	74	16 22	9	2	1	230
	35	23	11	180	84	11	5	1	-	215
	40	12	8	120	86	7	5	1	1	140
	45	35	21	125	73	6	4	4	2	170
	50	250	75	70	21	10	3	5	1 1	335

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very small quantities of bullheads, burbot, lake herring, sculpin, trout-perch, whitefish, and yellow perch.

FISHING RESULTS, WISCONSIN WATERS OF LAKE MICHIGAN: Good to excellent catches of alewife, ranging from 400 to 985 pounds, were taken at 15, 20, and 25 fathoms in both areas fished and also at 30 fathoms off Two Rivers (see table 2). One large catch of chubs (960 pounds) was taken at 35 fathoms off Two Rivers. Other significant catches of chubs were obtained at 25 to 45 fathoms in both areas. Smelt and sculpins were the most common other species taken.

FISHING RESULTS, MICHIGAN WATERS OF LAKE MICHIGAN: The best catch of alewife made in Michigan waters was 650 pounds taken at 20 fathoms off Ludington. Fair catches were made at 20 and 25 fathoms off Manistique (see table 3). There is evidence that the 250 pounds of alewife taken in 50 fathoms off Manistique were caught from midwater concentrations as the net was being set or hauled. Very good catches of chubs, ranging from 515 to 1,120 pounds, were taken at 25, 30, and 35 fathoms off Ludington and at 30, 35, 40, 45, and 60 fathoms off Frankfort. Smelt and sculpins accounted for most of the other fish taken in these waters.

HYDROGRAPHIC DATA: Thirty-six bathythermograph casts were made, and air and surface water temperatures were recorded continuously. Surface water temperatures ranged from 56°-57° F. off Ludington early in the cruise to 45°-46° F. off Manistique late in the cruise.

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TRAWL GEAR TESTED FOR CATCHING LAKE HERRING IN EASTERN LAKE SUPERIOR:

R/V "Kaho," Special Cruise, November 16-20, 1963: As part of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries program to assist the Great Lakes fishing industry adjust to changing conditions, a preliminary exploratory cruise in the Whitefish Bay area of Lake Superior was conducted by the Bureau's research vessel Kaho. Fishing industry members had requested that trawl fishing gear be tested for catching lake herring when they are concentrated during the spawning season and most readily available. Usually at that time of year, prices for lake herring drop to a level that makes production with the traditional gill-net fishing

gear marginal. It is felt that trawling may prove to be an economical method under those conditions. The Michigan Department of Conservation cooperated fully in the operation.

It was not expected that a thorough investigation could be completed in a 5-day period. However, in spite of the slim chances for attaining success during the brief survey, the collection of general information in respect to bottom conditions and fish distribution in the Whitefish Bay area will be helpful in planning future Lake Superior operations.

Although lake herring fishing was the primary consideration this cruise, other information was gathered as follows: (1) seasonal abundance and distribution of various species, (2) commercial availability of all species to otter trawls, and (3) delineation of areas suitable for otter trawl fishing.

Fair catches of alewife and chub were taken in bottom trawls at depths greater than 30 fathoms. Smelt appeared to be widely scattered at depths between 20 and 38 fathoms, and those of salable size were caught in only small amounts. Lake herring, lake trout, and whitefish trawl catches were insignificant. Concentrations of lake herring near the surface were not located,

Seventeen trawl drags were made with a 52-foot (headrope) Gulf of Mexico-type fish trawl. Although efforts were made to keep each drag at a uniform depth, this was not always possible due to the uneven bottom topography. All trawl drags were of 30 minutes' duration, except 2, which were terminated when the net became fouled on bottom obstructions.

Commercially significant catches of chubs and alewife were taken at several localities in eastern Lake Superior. The best catch of chubs, 305 pounds, was obtained north of Whitefish Point at 34-36 fathoms. Alewife were taken in 6 drags and appeared to be most abundant in southern Whitefish Bay, where one drag yielded 200 pounds.

Herring apparently were either scarce or had not as yet concentrated prior to spawning because of the unseasonable mild weather this year. Only a few individuals were taken at 6 stations during the survey. Lake trout, both native and planted, appeared in 4 catches in amounts of 6 pounds or less. Two trawldrags

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es of in depths of 20-21 and 32-34 fathoms yielded whitefish in amounts of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  and 5 pounds, respectively.

Smelt appeared to be widely dispersed throughout Whitefish Bay. Ten stations yielded smelt in amounts of 15 pounds, or less, however, most catches were small individuals (40 or more per pound).

Miscellaneous species appearing in very small numbers in the trawl catches were: pigmy whitefish, round whitefish, sculpin, spottail shiner, stickleback, and trout-perch.

Continuous echo-sounding (using a Kelvin Hughes MS-28 echo-sounder--30 kc/s, pulse

length 1 to 3 milliseconds) was carried on during both cruising and fishing operations. Although the Kaho cruised over 250 statute miles in and near Whitefish Bay, no surface or extensive midwater concentrations of fish were located. Near bottom concentrations of fish were noted at various depths beyond 15 fathoms. The survey revealed a bottom configuration inconsistent in form and composition. In general, shoal areas display highly irregular bottom topography while, beyond 10 fathoms, the slope becomes very steep until maximum depths are reached. A fair amount of good trawling bottom was located in the southern reaches of Whitefish Bay and north of Whitefish Point.

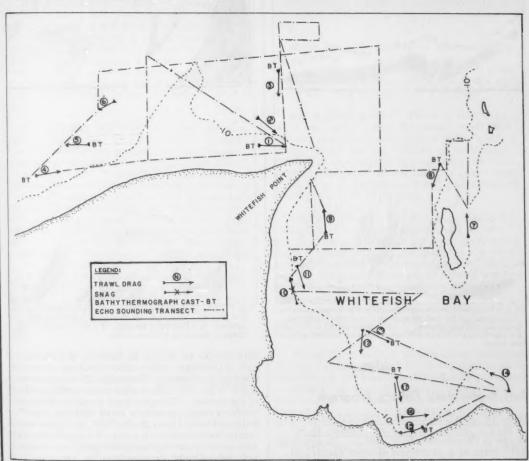


Fig. 1 - R/V Kaho Lake Superior explorations (November 16-20, 1963).

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Ten bathythermograph casts were made at various stations to determine verticle thermal gradients. Surface water temperature ranged from 45.0° F. to 46.0° F. Bottom temperature

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Fig. 2 - Echograms from a high-resolution echo-sounder showing concentrations of fish from the same area and depth (36 fathoms) during daylight and darkness. A - Distribution of fish at 8:30 a.m. B - Distribution of fish at 6:30 p.m. Distance covered is 4 statute miles.



## Gulf Exploratory Fishery Program

SHRIMP GEAR STUDIES CONTINUED:

M/V "George M. Bowers" Cruise 48-Phase II (November 6-27, 1963): To continue field tests of a prototype 40-foot electrical shrimp trawl was the purpose of Phase II of

ranged from 45.0° F. at depths less than 28 fathoms to approximately 39.0° F. at depths of 36 fathoms.



Fig. 3 - Echograms from a high-resolution echo-sounder showing typical bottom topography off shoal areas in Whitefish Bay, Lake Superior. A - Near Point Iroquois. B - Near Pendell Creek. Distance covered is 4 statute miles.

this cruise by the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries exploratory fishing vessel George M. Bowers. Two modifications were made to the electrical gear prior to Phase II of the cruise. Changes were made in the electrode array to provide a more efficient disbution of electricity in the field, using the existing electrical equipment. Also, provision was made for using two pulse units on a single net, effectively increasing the electrical strength at the net. The specific objectives

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of Phase II were to determine the effectiveness of the modified electrical gear as compared with the equipment used during Phase I of cruise 48.

METHOD OF OPERATION: A 40-foot flat trawl with 6-foot by 32-inch doors rigged with a tickler chain was fished on the starboard outrigger. The electrical trawl was fished simultaneously on the port side. The two nets were set and hauled at the same time and fished with identical warplengths. Drags were of one hour duration. Tests were conducted at night and during the day. The night tests were primarily to establish the approximate quantity of shrimp available in the area.

AREA OF OPERATIONS: Comparative trawling tests were conducted off Florida in the same area of the Apalachicola-Carrabelle area as during Phase I; specifically, in St. George Sound behind Dog Island in 3 fathoms, offshore approximately 15 miles southeast of Cape San Blas in 10-12 fathoms, and immediately south of St. Vincents Island in 4-5 fathoms. Tests were also conducted in St. Andrew Bay.

ST. GEORGE SOUND: Only one day was spent in that area. The only known change from the conditions present during Phase I was a drop in bottom temperature from 230 C. (73.4° F.) to 19° C. (66.2° F.). Results in this area followed the same general pattern as previously, although there were fewer shrimp present. Night drags yielded 15-20 pounds of pink shrimp per hour, with the electric gear again catching slightly more than the standard gear. The daytime catches with the electric trawl ranged from 6.5 to 11 pounds, compared to 3.5 to 4.5 pounds for the standard gear. The ratio of electric to standard catch per drag ranged from 1:5 to 2:1. The same factors were apparent as in Phase I. The electric gear produced more shrimp during daylight hours, but not as many as were available.

OFFSHORE CAPE SAN BLAS: Conditions were essentially the same during this phase, with the exception of water temperature, which had declined several degrees.

Night catches in this area dropped from 20 pounds the first night to 7 pounds on all following night tows. Daytime catches with the electric trawl ranged from several individuals to 4.5 pounds. The standard trawl usually produced no shrimp, but on one occasion 0.5

pound was caught. Attempts were made on several drags to slow the bottom speed and also to drag at an angle to the bottom contours and prevailing current. Weather and bottom conditions made it impossible to secure enough information to draw any conclusions.

ST. VINCENTS ISLAND: Physical conditions in the area were: bottom type--brown mud; water (surface)--green, turbid; bottom salinity--35.6-35.9 parts per thousand; bottom temperature--17.0° C.-17.5° C. (62.6°-63.5° F.). The electrode array used on drags in the area was modified by using two pulse generators simultaneously. Each pulse generator powered one-half of the electrodes. This provided a pulse of approximately twice the width of that obtained with a single power unit.

Night drags here yielded approximately 18 pounds per hour of white shrimp. Daytime catches with the electrical trawl ranged from 13 to 27 pounds; catches with the standard trawl ranged from 2 to 8 pounds.

ST. ANDREW BAY: Tests in this area were carried out with the same electrical system described above (dual pulse generators). Night fishing yielded pink shrimp catches of approximately 14 pounds per hour. Daytime catches with the electric gear ranged from 14 to 21 pounds, and with the standard trawl from 9 to 12 pounds.

CONCLUSIONS: The modification to the electrical system which produced a more uniform electrical field did not significantly improve catches over the original electrical system on either the soft or hard bottoms. But the increased strength of pulses achieved by using dual pulse generators appeared to produce the result sought, i.e., the electric trawl caught what shrimp were available. However, due to the limited testing, the results cannot be considered conclusive.

Phase III of cruise 48 was to be conducted during December 1963 in the Apalachicola-Carrabelle area using another pulse generator capable of producing various pulse widths and/or peak voltages. This unit should establish whether a greater peak voltage or a longer pulse than that used to date will successfully and consistently stimulate 100 percent of the shrimp available.

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M/V "George M. Bowers" Cruise 48-Phase III (December 4-14, 1963): This Phase
continued experimentation with the Bowers
electrical shrimp trawl. Following Phase II,
modifications were made to the electrode
array to reduce line loss and a new pulse
generator was acquired. This unit is capable
of producing a much greater field strength
than previously possible and is also capable
of producing pulse characteristics not attainable with previous gear.

The primary objective of this phase was to determine whether or not inadequate field strength was the principal reason for reduced effectiveness of the electrical trawl on the offshore grounds. Bad weather severely limited tests on the offshore grounds; consequently tests were not as comprehensive as desired.

AREA OF OPERATIONS AND METHODS: Three areas were worked; (1) southeast of Cape San Blas in 10 fathoms, (2) immediately south of St. Vincents Island in 4 fathoms, and (3) in St. George Sound behind Dog Island. The latter two areas were worked when weather conditions precluded operations offshore. The experimental methods were the same as used during Phases I and II.

OFFSHORE CAPE SAN BLAS: The pink shrimp density, as indicated by night trawling here, was approximately 20 percent of that during Phase I, i.e.,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  pounds per hour per trawl (starboard and port trawls fished simultaneously) versus 22 pounds per hour. This was accompanied with significant changes in water temperature and general catch composition.

Daytime catches with the electric trawl ranged from  $5\frac{1}{2}$  pounds to 7 pounds; with the standard gear from 0 to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  pounds. Night catches with both trawls were 4 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  pounds.

ST. VINCENTS ISLAND: Catches of white shrimp both day and night in this area were too erratic to allow evaluation of the effect of the electrical gear. This was due probably to "schooling," vertical movements, burrowing behavior, or all three.

ST. GEORGE SOUND: Bottom temperature was down to 13° C. (55.4° F.) and the night catch density was down to 14 pounds per hour early in the trip and to 6 to 7 pounds at the end of the trip. Earlier work here yielded 30 pounds per hour. Day catches with the electric trawl ranged from 4 to 14 pounds per hour and

with the standard trawl from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $4\frac{3}{4}$  pounds. In all day tows the electric gear produced significantly greater catches than the standard gear.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS: Results obtained during Phase III indicate the improved electrical characteristics achieved with the new pulse generator and electrode array produced daytime catches equal to or greater than night catches with the standard trawl. However, quantitative evaluation is difficult due to the changes in environment. These changes produced known reduction in shrimp density and unknown variations in their behavior patterns.

CRUISE 49: This cruise was scheduled for the Tortugas shrimp grounds during January-February 1964 to verify cruise 48 results on commercial concentrations. In addition to providing greater shrimp concentrations, the Tortugas grounds will provide a more stable environment than that which has existed in the Apalachicola-Carrabelle area recently. This should facilitate evaluation of results. Also, tests will be conducted with the electrode array built into the trawl. To date, the array has been operated separately in the manner of a tickler chain.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, December 1963 p. 12.

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SURVEY OF SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION OF ROYAL-RED SHRIMP CONTINUED:

M/V "Oregon" Cruise 88 (November 18-December 13, 1963): To obtain seasonal data on the availability of royal-red shrimp Hymenopenaeus robustus) in the Tortugas area and to conduct deep-water faunal transects in the Florida Straits, off the northest coast of Yucatan, and off the Mississippi River Delta, were the principal objectives of this 26-day cruise by the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries exploratory fishing vessel Oregon.

Shrimp catches were extremely light compared with previous efforts in the Tortugas area. A total of 28 drags yielded slightly over 1,200 pounds of shrimp (heads on) compared with some 5,000 pounds in 31 drags on the same grounds in August 1963. Previously established optimum bottom temperatures for royal-red shrimp fishing (490-510 F.) occurred over a more extensive depth range than usual--from 190 to 235 fathoms. Several hundred feet of still and movie film, exposed in the red shrimp depth range, will be studied closely for indications of lowered

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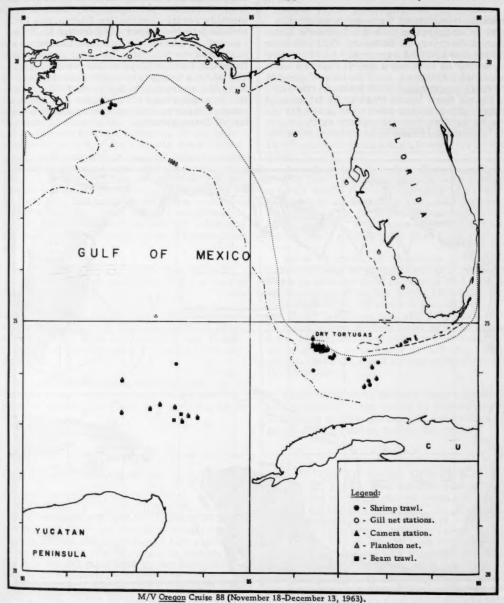
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Faunal transects were conducted in the

shrimp density as well as for gear perform- | of Yucatan at 100 fathom intervals to 800 fathoms. A 10-foot beam trawl was used when bottom conditions were unsuitable for shrimp trawls. The scheduled transect off the Mis-Florida Straits and on the northeastern slope | sissippi River Delta was only extended to 500



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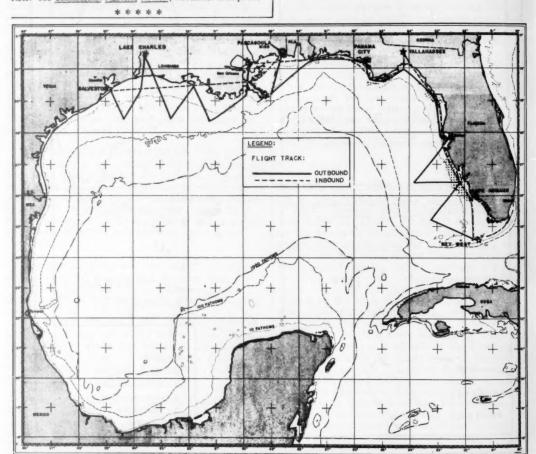
fathoms due to wire losses on the Yucatan slope. Rattail fishes (Macrouridae) predominated the transect catches; other faunal elements were represented by several rare specimens, especially along the Yucatan slope.

Preliminary investigations on off-season menhaden occurrence were initiated on this cruise in cooperation with the Bureau's Biological Laboratory at Beaufort. Gill-net sets (surface and bottom) were made at 10 localities, in depths between 4 and 62 fathoms off Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. Menhaden (Brevoortia patronus) were taken in one bottom set off Horn Island Pass in 7½ fathoms. Thirty-eight plankton tows were made for study by the Beaufort laboratory staff.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, November 1963 p. 34.

MENHADEN OFF-SEASON POPULATION SURVEY:

Airplane Spotting Flight 1 (November 19-22, 1963): To determine the occurrence of adult menhaden and related species in the Gulf of Mexico during the off-season period from November through April, the first of six monthly aerial observation flights was initiated in late November 1963 by the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries chartered airplane Apache N2229P. The search zone is from the Florida Keys to Galveston, Tex. The waters being canvassed generally extend from the shoreline to the 20-fathom curve. But in some areas off Alabama and Louisians, coastal observations will be extended out to the 50-fathom curve.



Menhaden airplane spotting Flight No. 1.

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During the initial flight heavy seas off Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and the west coast of Florida limited the effectiveness of aerial observations. In addition, low ceilings and overcast skies interfered with observations between Galveston and the Mississippi River Delta on November 22.

Surface menhaden schools were sighted in three areas off the Florida coast. In the Apalachicola area, 31 schools were observed, ranging in estimated size from 1 to 20 tons; although the majority were considered to be less than 10 tons. In waters west, southwest, and south of Cedar Keys, 16 schools were sighted. Those schools were estimated to be less than 10 tons each. In the area off Venice and southward to Cape Romano, 36 schools were observed; 3 of the schools were within I mile of the shoreline and the others ranged offshore as far as 12 miles, with the majority in the 2- to 4-mile zone. Most of those schools were estimated to be in the 10- to 15ton category, but 2 schools 3 miles northwest of Naples and 2 schools 5 miles southwest of Venice, showed distinctive reddish color and were estimated to contain from 25 to 50 tons each.

In all three areas in which fish schools were observed, sea conditions were good and birds were present.

United States shrimp and snapper vessels were seen fishing off Florida. Shrimp vessels were also seen in Louisiana and Texas waters. No foreign fishing vessels were observed.

An infrared radiation thermometer to record surface water temperatures will be installed aboard the plane and used during future flights.

## **Gulf Fishery Investigations**

SHRIMP DISTRIBUTION STUDIES:

M/V "Gus III" Cruise GUS-11 (November 20-December 2, 1963): Catches of brown and white shrimp were light to moderate during this cruise off the coast of Louisiana and Texas by the chartered research vessel Gus III. The vessel (operated by the Galveston Biological Laboratory of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries) was engaged in a continuing study of the distribution of shrimp in

the Gulf of Mexico. Eight statistical areas (13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21) were covered. One 3-hour tow with a 45-foot shrimp trawl was made in each of 3 depth ranges (0-10, 10-20, and over 20 fathoms) in those areas.

The best catches off Louisiana were taken in the vicinity of the Mississippi Delta which yielded 73 pounds of 26-30 count white shrimp from under 10 fathoms and 37 pounds of 21-25 count brown shrimp from over 20 fathoms. Moving westward, area 14 yielded 28 pounds of 31-40 count white shrimp from under 10 fathoms, 15 pounds of 21-25 count brown shrimp from the 10-20 fathom depth, and 11 pounds of 15-20 count brown shrimp from over 20 fathoms; area 16 produced 17 pounds of 15-20 count brown shrimp from over 20 fathoms.

The best catches off Texas were made in area 18 which yielded 24 pounds of 31-40 count white shrimp from under 10 fathoms, 14 pounds of 26-30 count brown shrimp from 10-20 fathoms, and 56 pounds of 12-15 count brown shrimp from over 20 fathoms.

Area 19 produced 39 pounds of 15-20 count brown shrimp from the 10-20 fathom range. Tows in area 20 took 10 pounds of 31-40 count white shrimp from the under 10-fathom depth, 19 pounds of 21-25 count brown shrimp from the 10-20 fathom range, and 29 pounds of 15-20 count brown shrimp from over 20 fathoms. Area 21 yielded 11 pounds of 26-30 count white shrimp from under 10 fathoms and 15 pounds of 15-20 count brown shrimp from 10-20 fathoms.

Catches of white shrimp were almost entirely limited to the under 10 fathom depth. The catch of pink shrimp did not exceed one pound at any station during the cruise.

M/V "Gus III" Cruise GUS-12 (December 10-22, 1963): Bad weather hampered operations of the chartered research vessel Gus III during this cruise off the Alabama coast extending westward off the coast of Texas. A total of ten statistical areas (10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21) were covered and one 3-hour tow with a 45-foot shimp trawl was made in the three depth ranges of each area. Despite adverse weather conditions all stations were fished. Catches were generally spotty but good white shrimp catches

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of up to 40 pounds were made in the 0-10 fathom depth of areas 13, 14, and 16. The largest haul of 40 pounds of white shrimp (26-30 count) from that depth range was from area 13 which also yielded 32 pounds of 21-25 count brown shrimp from over 20 fathoms.

Area 16 yielded 38 pounds of 15-20 count brown shrimp from the 10-20 fathom depth and there were relatively good catches of the same size shrimp in over 20 fathoms of areas 14 and 20.

Area 11 off the Mississippi coast yielded 33 pounds of large shrimp ranging from 15 to 25 count from the over 20-fathom depth divided about equally between the brown and white species. Catches from the other two depths in that area were negligible.

A catch of about 20 pounds from up to 10 fathoms in area 10 off the coast of Alabama was largely 21-25 count white shrimp. Each tow in the other two depth ranges of that area yielded less than one pound of brown and pink shrimp.

This was the last cruise of this series by the Gus III. A slightly different pattern will be fished in 1964.

Notes: (1) Shrimp catches are heads-on weight; shrimp sizes are the number of heads-off shrimp per pound.

(2) See Commercial Fisheries Review, January 1964 p. 13.



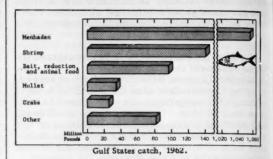
#### **Gulf States**

FISHERIES LANDINGS, 1962:

Fish and shellfish landings during 1962 in the Gulf States (west coast of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas) reached an alltime high of over 1.4 billion pounds valued at a record \$94.5 million exvessel. This was an increase of 60.3 million pounds (4 percent) and \$19 million (25 percent) as compared with 1961.

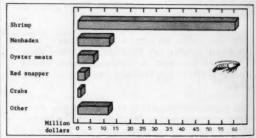
The gain in quantity over 1961 was due principally to record menhaden landings of 1.1 billion pounds (up 36 million); improved shrimp production totaling 142 million pounds (up nearly 8 million); and a 97-million-pound catch of unclassified fish for use as bait, reduction, and animal food (up 18.5 million). There was also some improvement in landings of Spanish mackerel, groupers, oysters, and mullet. However, compared with 1961,

there were notable reductions in landings of blue crabs, catfish and bullheads, black drum, and red snapper.



The value increase resulted chiefly from larger catches of high-priced shrimp. There were also moderate gains in the value of menhaden and oysters.

Three States (Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) accounted for 1.3 billion pounds or 91 percent of the total quantity; while Texas, Louisiana, and the west coast of Florida accounted for \$84 million or 89 percent of the value.



Value of Gulf States catch, 1962.

There were 23,212 fishermen engaged in the Gulf fishery in 1962. Commercial fishing craft operating in those States during the year consisted of 3,219 vessels of 5 net tons and over, 9,639 motor boats, and 638 other boats.



#### Hawaii

SKIPJACK TUNA LANDINGS, JANUARY-NOVEMBER 1963:

Skipjack tuna landings in Hawaii in November 1963 were about 280,00 pounds, 35,000

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pounds below the 1948-62 average for the month. The cumulative total catch for January-November 1963 was 8,045,000 pounds, or 1,592,000 pounds below the 1948-62 average for the same period.

During November there were 71 productive trips, giving an average of 2,665 pounds per productive trip. Individual catches ranged from 121 pounds to 9,827 pounds.

COMMERCIAL FISHERY LANDINGS, JULY-JUNE 1962/63 AND 1961/62:

The commercial fish landings of the State of Hawaii during the 1962/63 fiscal year (July-June) totaled 10,879,389 pounds, valued at \$2,566,045 ex-vessel. Compared with the 1961/62 fiscal year, the State landings decreased 3,051,782 pounds or 21.9 percent, and the ex-vessel value decreased \$307,229 or 10.7 percent. The drop in weight and value of the 1962/63 landings was due primarily to the skipjack (Katsuwonus pelamis) landings which declined 3,262,717 pounds or 31.6 percent in weight and \$326,118 or 25.9 percent in value.

Table 1 - Hawai	ian Commercial Fishery July-June 1962/63 as	Landings and d 1961/62	Ex-Vess	el Value,	
Sne	cles	July-June		July-June	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
English Name	Hawaiian Name	1,000 Lbs.	\$1,000	1,000 Lbs.	\$1,000
cean Catch:					_
Amberjack	Kahala	97	28	69	21
Big-Eyed Scad	Akule & Hahalalu	173	123	244	165
Cravalles	Ulua, Omilu	77	34	76	33
Dolphin	Mahimahi	129	51	109	47
Goatfishes	Weke-ula, Weke Moelua,			1	-
	Moano Kumu, Malu	115	62	111	59
Mackerel scad	Opelu	437	139	221	89
appers:		101	100	201	
Gray	Ulivi	66	27	56	22
Pink	Opakapaka, Kalekale	127	63	123	29
Red	Ulaula Koae, or Onaga	141	63	123	29
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ordfish, Spearfish, &	Ulaula or Enu	113	78	68	60
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Marling		498	139	579	151
ms & Tunelike fishes:		20			
Albacore	Ahipalaha	18	4	16	5
Big-Eyed	Ahi	1,175	573	1,182	579
Yellowfin	Ahi	449	156	385	142
Skipjack	Alcu	7,057	935	10,319	1,261
Bonito or little tune .	Kawakawa	34	- 6	3	1/
nellfish:					
Crabs	Kona & misc, species	24	14	34	23
Limpet	Onihi	19	10	7	4
Lobster, spiny	Ula		- 6	30	-
Octopus	Hee			3	2
Sould		12			
ber fish & shallfish	Muhee	203	24	248	92
Total Clean Catch		10,836	2,534	13,870	2.825
and Catch		43	32	13,870	
Grand Total					48
Less than 85.00.		10,879	2,566	13,931	2,873

Other important species that showed decreased landings in 1962/63 were the Pacific blue marlin (Makaira ampla), 69,537 pounds or 27.1 percent; and the big-eyed scad (Trachurops crumenophthalmus), down by 71,543 pounds or 29.3 percent.

Landings of two species in 1962/63 that increased substantially were the yellowfin tuna (Neothunnus macropterus) and the mackerel scad (Decapterus pinnulatus). The in-

crease for the yellowfin tuna amounted to 64,497 pounds or 16.8 percent and that for mackerel scad amounted to 215,715 pounds or 97.5 percent.

Y-11	Sea C	atch	Pond C	atch	Total C	Total Catch		
Island	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		
Hawaii Maui Lanai Molokai Oahu	1,000 <u>Lbs.</u> 1,466 1,101 20 8 8,022	\$1,000 354 159 7 6 1,916	1,000 Lbs.	\$1,000 - - 4 27	1,000 Lbs. 1,466 1,101 20 16 8,057	\$1,00 354 155		
Kauai	219	91	35	-	8,057	1,9		
Total	1 10,836	2,534	43	32	10,879	2,56		

The Island of Oahu in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963, accounted for 8,059,000 million pounds (valued at \$2,566,000) or about 74.1 percent of the quantity and 75.8 percent of the value. The Island of Hawaii was the second most important in landings and value and accounted for about 13.5 percent of the total landings and 13.8 percent of the value.

	Sea C	atch	Pond C	atch	Total Catch		
Month	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
1962	1,000 Lbs.	\$1,000	1,000 Lbs.	\$1,000	1,000 Lbs.	\$1,00	
July	2,072	314	5	4	2,078	318	
August	1,200	229	5	4	1,205	233	
September	852	192	5 5 3	3	857	195	
October	894	214	3	3	897	216	
November	521	184	4	3	525	187	
December	810	264	5	5	815	269	
1963							
January	446	125	5	4	451	129	
February	645	183	2	1	648	185	
March	563	175	2	1	565	176	
April	484	175	2	1	486	176	
May	891	212	1	1	892	213	
June	1,459	268	2	1	1,461	269	
Total Note: Due	10,837	2,535	43	31	10,880	2,566	

The only other Island of the six reporting commercial fishery landings of more than 1 million pounds was Maui.

Landings in July made up about 19.1 percent of the 1962/63 fiscal year's landings and, as in past years, the peak season for the skipjack fishery (June-September) accounted for about 51.5 percent of total landings. (Deparment of Land and Natural Resources, Honolulu, November 20, 1963.)

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, January 1963 p. 33.

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#### Industrial Fishery Products

## TRENDS IN USE OF FISH MEAL IN MAINE AND MASSACHUSETTS:

Animal feed manufacturers and experiment station scientists in Maine and Massachusetts, fish reduction plants in Maine, and a feed mill in New Hampshire were visited in December 1963, by the Chief of the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Technical Advisory Unit and the Animal Nutritionist attached to the Unit. Observations made during the trip were as follows:

The State of Maine is among the 10 leading states in the production of broilers and therefore is a relatively large consumer of fish meal, On the other hand, swine, which like poultry, consume fish meal, are reared in relatively small numbers, and there appears to be an opportunity in that State for an increase in pork production. Only half the eggs consumed in Massachusetts are produced in that State; this offers poultrymen an opportunity for expansion. These possible increases in poultry and swine production obviously would work to the advantage of fish meal producers by increasing the total consumption of fish meal,

The average levels of fish meal utilization in northeastern broiler, layer replacement, and laying rations appear to be about the same as those in the Southeastern States, namely, 2.5 percent in rations for broilers and chicks reared as layer replacements and 0.5 percent in laying rations. This is true despite the fact that fish meal is produced in the area. However, the level of utilization may be influenced by the fact that it has been necessary to import fish meal from abroad in order to supply the demand, and, as is true in the southeast, the necessity of using imported meal tends to depress the level of utilization.

Almost without exception, the animal nutritionists expressed high regard for fish meal. In the opinion of one nutritionist employed by a large concern, there is, without doubt, no other product available having as much potential as a balanced source of amino acids as has fish meal; this appears to be the opinion of most poultry nutritionists. Some of the feed manufacturers stated that they would prefer bulk shipments to sacked shipments of fish meal.

Most animal nutritionists and laboratory directors expressed lively interest in any advances that can be made in determinations of protein quality of fish meal. One concern is carrying out active research to determine to what extent enzymatic digestibility tests can be relied upon in comparison with the much more time-consuming chick or rat tests. Another feed mill depends upon chemical tests to tell whether or not there is a great deal of variation between different shipments of meal from a given source.

A poultry nutritionist at the University of Maine has recently completed some experiments in which fish meal significantly stimulated growth of layer flock replacement chicks during the first 9 weeks following hatching. Also, a Maine professor said that a number of egg producers in his State are building their own feed mills. Operators of these mills, in an effort to decrease the variety of feed ingredients that must be stored, have been exploring the possibility of eliminating fish meal and some other feed ingredients from their formulas. The Maine professor, who had been consulted concerning the proposed formula simplification, indicated that the elimination of fish meal from poultry feed formulas would be highly inadvisable, in his opinion, because it would mean the lowering of the quality of the rations.

At the University of Massachusetts, some very basic experiments on the endocrinology of fowl are being carried out. Such studies usually lead to a better understanding of physiology and, eventually, to increased economy and profits.

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UPWARD TREND IN USE OF FISH MEAL IN SOUTHERN STATES:

Mixed animal feed manufacturers and experiment station scientists in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana were visited during mid-November 1963 by the Chief of the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Technical Advisory Unit and the animal nutritionist attached to the Unit. Fish reduction plants in Mississippi and Louisiana also were visited. The observations and conclusions resulting from the trip were as follows:

Interacting factors are discernible, in the area visited, that tend on the one hand to encourage and on the other to discourage liberal use of fish meal in poultry rations. A factor encouraging more liberal utilization has been the feed-ingredient price structure. During November 1963, relative prices of feed ingredients encouraged a trend toward relatively liberal utilization of fish meal. This trend was exemplified by commercial broiler rations that contained 6, 8, and even 10 percent fish meal. In general, such rations are formulated on a "maximum profit" basis, i.e., the cost per pound of feed is disregarded and the feed is formulated to produce a maximum of broiler meat per dollar invested in feed.

A number of factors tend to depress the level of fish meal utilization. One such factor is the result of competition between firms to produce rations of given quality to be sold at competitive prices. In order to reduce costs, formulators may substitute less expensive protein concentrates for part of the fish meal of a ration. Such concentrates are likely to be inferior to fish meal because of lower coefficients of digestibility, less desirable balance of essential amino acids, and lower content of the essential amino acids methionine and lysine. In addition, most protein concentrates other than fish meal lack the unidentified growth factor (UGF) of fish. Thus, as most formulators freely acknowledge, a reduction in the level of fish meal to lower the sale price of the feed mixture usually results in a somewhat less desirable ration.

A second factor tending to discourage liberal use of fish meal is the present unavailability of domestic meal. Of the feed mixers visited, most either had exhausted their supplies of domestic fish meal or were rapidly depleting their remaining stores. Many feed producers expressed a definite reluctance to use imported meal in liberal amounts. This reluctance is based upon what feed mill operators appear to believe is the extreme variability in the quality of imported meal. For example, according to one feed mill operator, in amounts no larger than a carload lot, sacks of meal have been found that appear to have originated in six different reduction plants, and variations in quality within such carload lots are, as one would expect, considerable.

According to an industrial nutritionist, a third factor historical in nature has tended to depress fish meal utilization in broiler rations in the Southern States. The nutritionist said that when the broiler-producing industry first got its start, rations ordinarily consisted of such suitable grain products as were readily available, plus a protein-mineral-vitamin mixture purchased from one of the firms specializing in such "premixes." The latter ordinarily contain fish meal in amounts too small to represent a liberal supply of fish meal in the finished ration. Fish meal utilization subsequently has tended to follow the levels established earlier by feed producers using premixes.

As a result of the interplay of factors, just described, the average fish meal content of broiler rations produced in the Southern States appears to be about 2.5 percent. This estimate is based upon information given both by experiment station specialists and by industrial nutritionists. Even though the average utilization level is relatively low percentage-wise, very large amounts of fish meal are utilized in the Southern broiler-producing States because of the tremendous poultry production in that region.

The evidence collected on this trip, and earlier, suggests that the demand for fish meal will continue to increase in the

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Southern broiler-producing States but that the rate of increase cannot be expected to be rapid.

Several industrial nutritionists expressed some concern with present methods of quality control of fish meal, pointing out, as have many others in the past, that biological (chick and rat) tests are too protracted to yield the desired data before the feed mixtures containing the protein being tested have been sold and perhaps consumed. The need for a rapid test for quality is apparent. One nutritionist pointed out that microscopic examination of fish meal by a skilled technician reveals a great deal concerning the quality of the meal, as for example, whether or not even slight scorching has taken place.

Broiler production is still on the increase in the Southern broiler-producing States, but such increase is taking place at a decelerating rate. In contrast with this decline in rate of increase in broiler production, a marked increase in egg production is now taking place. Some new egg production units are of 1-million hen size and a few are even larger. This increase in egg production will add to the demand for fish meal for the reason that laying mashes usually contain some fish meal and rations for layer replacement flocks ordinarily contain relatively liberal amounts of such meal.

The production of dogfood and other petfoods seems to be increasing in the states visited. A large portion of the output of some large concerns now consists of petfoods. Because fish meal is used in low concentrations in some of these petfoods, this expanding branch of the mixed feed industry can be expected to have a limited but positive influence on the demand for fish meal. (U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Technical Advisory Unit, Boston, Mass., December 16, 1963.)

U.S. FISH MEAL, OIL, AND SOLUBLES:

Production by Areas, November 1963: Preliminary data on U.S. production of fish meal, oil, and solubles for November 1963 as collected by the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and submitted to the International Association of Fish Meal Manufacturers are shown in the table.

U. S. Production 1/of Fish Meal, Oil, and Solubles, November 1963 (Preliminary) with Comparisons

Area	Meal	Oil	Solubles	Homog- enized3
November 1963:	Short Tons	1,000 Pounds	(Short	Tons)
West Coast2	9,537 2,447	9,283 1,026	3,520 1,084	-
Total	11,984	10, 309	4,604	-
anNov. 1963 Total	221, 654	178, 273	88,514	7,216
anNov. 1962 Total	295,730	255, 129	111,532	10,964

/Does not include crab meal, shrimp meal, and liver oils. /Includes American Samoa and Puerto Rico. /Includes condensed fish.

Note: Beginning with March 1963 fish oil is shown in pounds instead of gallons. Conversion factor, 7.75 pounds equal 1 gallon,

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Major Indicators for U. S. Supply, November 1963: United States production of fish

meal and fish oil in November 1963 was higher by 17.8 and 24.9 percent, respectively, as compared with November 1962. Fish solubles production was down 4.5 percent.

tem and Period	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
		(S	hort Tor	s)	
Fish Meal: Production 1/:					
December		2 683	12,763	9,178	15,378
November	2/11,984		10,071		
Jan. Oct	27209,670	285,555	268,503	250,360	255,026
JanDec	-	311,232	311,265	290,137	306,551
Imports:					
December	-	18,977	23,268	15,564	5,538
November	-		25,649		
Jan, Oct	335,259	221,426			
JanDec		252,307	217,845	131,561	133,955
Fish Solubles 3/:					
Production:					
December		1,838			
November	2/ 4,604	4,819	5,140	3,524	
JanOct JanDec	2/ 91,126		102,165		155,302
Jan,-Dec	-	124,334	112,241	90,929	100,308
Imports:					****
December	1	387	472	60	420
November Jan Oct	3,442	435 5,486	3,649	282 2,832	
Jan. Dec		6,308		3,174	
Fish Oils:		(1	,000 Lbs		
Production:					-
December	-	679		7,981	14,094
November	2/10,309	8,254	10,599	12,464	9,416
Jan. Oct	2/167,964				
Jan. Dec		255,808	266,668	215,653	193,324
Exports:					
December	-	172		15,807	
November		171		14,640	
Jan. Oct		122,707	110,575	113,229	116,801
Jan Dec /Does not include crab me	at, shrimp, and	mirc. meals			-
Preliminary data for 1963 of production in 1962: I	based on report	which acco	cunted for th	e following	percentage , 97 percen

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Production, October 1963; During October 1963, 15,608 tons of fish meal and T4.2 million pounds of oil were produced in the United States. Compared with October 1962, this was a decrease of 20,357 tons or 57 percent in meal production, and 24.8 million pounds or 64 percent in oil production.

Menhaden meal production for October amounted to 11,420 tons-a decrease of 29,708 tons or 64 percent, Menhaden oil (12,3 million pounds) was 25,7 million pounds or 68 percent less than in October 1962.

Fish solubles manufactured in October 1963 amounted to 6,678 tons. This was a decrease of 6,636 tons (approximately 50 percent) below the production of the same month in 1962. Menhaden solubles (4,494 tons) made up 67 percent of the October fish solubles production.

Fish meal production amounted to 209,670 tons during the first 10 months of 1963. This was a decrease of 75,885 tons or 27 percent. Oil production for the same period of 1963

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amounted to 168,0 million pounds—a decrease of 78.9 million pounds. Production of fish solubles for the first 10 months of 1963 amounted to 83,902 tons—a decrease of 23,355 tons or 22 percent.

	Octo	ber	Jan.	Oct.	Total
Froduct	1/1963	1962	1/1963	1962	1962
			Short Ton	)	
Fish Meal and Scrap: Herring Menhaden 2/ Sardine, Pacific Tuna and mackerel Unclassified	024 11,420 13 2,225 1,126	487 32,128 16 2,074 1,260	7,283 165,168 29 18,283 18,907	5,035 231,100 689 22,669 26,062	8,095 238,680 702 36,559 27,297
Total	15,608	35,965	209,670	285,555	298,333
Shellfish, marine-animal meal and scrap .	3/	3/	3/	3/	12,899
Grand total meal and scrap	3/	3/	3/	2/	311,232
Fish Solubles: Menhaden	4,494 3,184	10,738 2,576	68,422 15,480	82,198 25,059	84,885 28,353
Total	6,678	13,314	83,902	107,257	113,238
Homogenized condensed fish		850	7,224	10,420	11,096
			1,000 Pour	ds)	
Cil. Bedy Herring Menhaden 2/ Sardine, Facific Tuna and mackerel Other (including whale)	346 12,268 4 1,155 398	295 37,931 2 516 246	5,261 150,498 6 4,850 7,349	5,054 230,134 166 4,357 7,164	\$,255 237,815 167 B,175 7,396
Total oil	14,171	38,990	167,964	246,875	255,808

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#### U.S. FISH MEAL AND SOLUBLES:

Production and Imports, January-October 1963: Based on domestic production and Imports, the United States available supply of fish meal for January-October 1963 amounted

January-October 1963 v	vith Comp	arisons	
	Jan.	Oct.	Total
Item	1/1963	1962	1962
Fish Meal and Scrap: Domestic production:	(S	short Tone	s)
Menhaden	165,168 18,283	22,669	238,680 26,559
Other	7,283 18,936	5,035 26,751	5,098
Total production	209,670	285,555	311,232
Imports: Canada Peru Chile So. Africa Republic Other countries	43,735 256,433 23,197 8,275 3,619	37,488 164,573 8,255 9,884 1,226	42,806 186,248 9,247 10,084 3,921
Total imports	335,259	221,426	252,30
Available fish meal supply	544,929	506,981	563,539
Fish <u>Solubles:</u> Domestic production <u>2</u> /	91,126	117,677	124,334
Imports: Canada Liceland So. Africa Republic Other countries	1,753 55 191 1,443	1,236 2,205 1,442 603	1,335 2,332 1,717 924
Total imports	3,442	5,486	6,308
Available fish solubles supply	94,568	123,163	130,642

to 544,929 short tons--37,948 tons (or 7.5 percent) more than during the same period in 1962. Domestic production was 75,885 tons (or 26,6 percent) less, but imports were 113,833 tons (or 51.4 percent) higher than in the same period in 1962. Peru continued to lead other countries with shipments of 256,433 tons.

The United States supply of fish solubles (including homogenized fish) during January-October 1963 amounted to 94,568 tons-a decrease of 23,2 percent as compared with the same period in 1962. Domestic production and imports dropped 22,6 percent and 37,3 percent, respectively.



#### Inventions

"BATHYKYMOGRAPH" MEASURES SPEED AND DEPTH OF NET WHILE FISHING:

A device known as a bathykymograph has been designed to measure how deep and how fast a net sinks while fishing. The information may help fishermen in placing their nets.

The bathykymograph is cylindrical, 12 inches long and 4 inches in diameter. The cylinder is equipped with a sealed piston and stylus. The device is attached to the net. As the capsule sinks, water pressure on the pis-



Frank J. Hester, the inventor, holds bathykymograph which can tell how fast and deep a fish net sinks.

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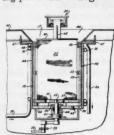
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ton compresses a spring which moves the stylus and a clock-like device, recording depth and time.

The bathykymograph has been patented by Frank J. Hester, 2033 Abbott Street, San Diego, Calif.

# \* \* \* \* \* MULTI-IMMERSION QUICK FREEZER:

The inventor claims this is a quick-freezing process designed for enterprises having



for enterprises having limited complementary facilities other than freezer storage. It is said to decrease the cost of operation by maintaining higher refrigeration efficiency and low energy load by freezing in stages with very simple devices. (Patent No. 3,078,687, SIC No. 3585, granted Willis R. Woolrich,

700 Texas Avenue, Austin 5, Texas.)

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METHOD OF ATTACHING FISHING SINKERS:

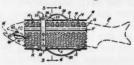
The inventor claims this is a simple method of handling split-shot type weights and attaching them to a fishing line. It involves joining the weights together in a chain effect with a plastic ribbon, gummed paper tape, or integrally cast connectors. It is said that attachment of one or more of the weights is then simplified by their symmetric arrangement on the connector. (Patent No. 3,084,469, SIC No. 3949, granted Thomas H. Stratton, Box 454, State Farmers Market, Columbia, South Carolina.)

FISH HOLDER PATENTED:

A new device has been designed for grasping the body of live fish while removing hooks.

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The risk of hand injury from fins, scales, or spines is thereby avoided, according to the inventor. The device is



adjustable in size and can be made of various corrosive-resistant materials. (Patent Number 3,081,576, granted Harry C. Collins, 11 West Third Street, Ocala, Florida.)



#### Irradiation Preservation

PRELIMINARY TESTS ON OILY FISH INDI-CATE FLAVOR AND STORAGE PROBLEMS:

Research on the irradiation of fish and fish products in the Seattle Laboratory of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries have consisted primarily of the investigation of non-oily species such as sole and crab. During the Atomic Energy Commission contract year (July 1963-June 1964), a series of species of oily fish (either containing a high oil content or oil with a high degree of instability) are to be irradiated and their storage-keeping quality tested. Such fish as the various species of salmon, herring, sablefish, and some of the rockfishes will be included. The first species (pink salmon) tested has presented some very serious problems. Not only does rancidity limit the storage life of the irradiated samples to a shorter period than that of the unirradiated controls, but also the initial desirable, normal salmon flavor is largely destroyed by the irradiation process. It is obvious that considerable basic research will be necessary if satisfactory results are to be realized using irradiation as a tool for increased storage life of fish with high oil content.



#### Maryland.

OYSTER STUDIES IN 1963 INDICATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR SPAWNING AND SETTING:

The late 1963 oyster spat in Maryland's tidewaters was generally light and ended by mid-September at all stations where test shells were exposed. This was earlier than usual, as evidenced by a number of years when fair sets were recorded as late as mid-October. Factors that contributed to the early end of setting were the lower than normal water temperatures that occurred during late summer and early fall and the completely spawned out condition of most oysters that had produced such excellent midsummer sets. At most stations water temperatures dropped below 70° F. shortly after mid-September, about three weeks earlier than normal.

A survey of the commercial or surviving set on all State plantings was conducted in late 1963 by the Tidewater Fisheries Depart-

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ment survey vessel <u>Tiny Lou</u> with a biologist cooperating full time in making the observations. Excellent spat counts on bars in many areas confirmed the good sets whose potential had previously been indicated by the test shell bags.

In general, 1963 has produced one of the best oyster sets on record with high counts of spat particularly in the Eastern Chesapeake Bay area, lower Choptank tributaries, Little Choptank River, and St. Marys' River. An exceptionally heavy set was found in the upper Wicomico tributary of the Potomac River, the third such set recorded in the past 24 years with little or no set during intervening years.

The conditions needed to bring about a good oyster set result from a complicated combination of factors that are not all fully understood. However, certain features of 1963 that favored a good set in Maryland were: Weather during March was much warmer than normal and accompanied by copious rainfall. This started oysters feeding vigorously with an abundance of food early in the season. May was cooler than normal so that feeding conditions were excellent while the beginning of oyster spawning was delayed. The result was that oysters generally were exceptionally fat and in top condition by the beginning of June before spawning commenced.

Late spring and summer 1963 were marked by drought conditions and an absence of storms or strong winds. Salinity of the bay was much higher than normal and the lack of fresh water run-off retarded the formation of low oxygen conditions in deep water that are caused in part when a layer of fresher water floats near the surface. The spawning of oysters is known to be favored by the higher salinities, and two periods of sharp temperature rises occurred during the summer that would tend to trigger mass spawning. The above conditions favored production of an abundance of oyster larvae wherever brood stock was present.

Newly hatched oysters while in the 2-week swimming stage are microscopic and, though able to swim slowly up or down, are entirely at the mercy of water currents in their long distance movement. Since only a small percentage of the bottom is shell covered and suitable for setting it is not unusual for a large part or even all of a good brood of larvae to be swept away from the oyster beds and into deep channels or over unfavorable bottom where they will smother and be lost at

the time when setting must occur. Thus good broods of larvae often are observed in the water that become totally lost in storms before they can set. The relatively calm waters of last summer permitted a greater portion than usual of the oyster larvae to be retained in the creeks and bays where there were shell beds upon which they could set.

The flow of heavier salt water from the ocean along the Bay's bottom and the spinning of the earth tend to carry oyster larvae near the bottom upstream and swing them towards their right as they move up the channel. Thus concentrations of larvae can occur in the upper part of small tributaries or embayments where there is no strong downstream flow of fresh water. They also concentrate along the right hand bank, as you look upstream, of the Bay proper and of large tributaries such as the Potomac and James Rivers. This is one of the reasons why setting usually is higher along the eastern side of the Bay than along its western side.

A sustained flow of wind from one direction may produce currents that carry larvae into a given area and at the same time carry them away from another location so that ideal setting conditions do not occur in all places at the same time. That is one of the reasons why, even in a particularly good setting year, some areas failed to receive good sets.

Still another factor that can sharply reduce an oyster set is the presence or absence of oyster enemies such as the oyster drill or

"screw borer," Oyster drills must have quite salty water and so are seldom a serious problem in Maryland except on the seaside and in the lower portions of Somerset County waters. There have now been several years that were drier than normal and this has permitted a strong build-up of the drill population in Tangier Sound and even up into

the lower part of Fishing Bay, Hooper Straits and the lower Honga River. Each young drill can eat several young oyster spat per day so that many newly set spat never get big enough to be easily seen by the naked eye. The abundance of drills in 1963 in the Tangier Sound area was quite destructive and was a major factor in the sharp reduction in the surviving oyster set.

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Oysters grew quite well during 1963 and there were no reports of serious oyster mortalities since the late 1963 winter. A survey showed that the fungus Dermocystidium, while favored by high salinity, was apparently checked by cooler water temperatures and though present in the lower part of the Maryland area, and in some instances found further upstream than usual, produced no serious problem where it had been monitored.

The parasite "MSX" has remained as a light infestation on certain bars in the Pocomoke and Tangier Sound areas. It is possible that the higher salinities may result in some increase of infection by this parasite with the extent of future damage somewhat dependent upon salinity conditions in 1964. The reports of much lower losses in 1963 from "MSX" in Delaware Bay and in the lower Chesapeake continue to be a most hopeful sign.

The condition of oyster meats was better in the fall of 1963 than in the fall of 1962. Oysters were generally fat on most bars except for a few localities Water temperatures had fallen rapidly during the 1963 fall period to curtail fattening. Late fall 1963, temperatures were too low for effective feeding so that oyster condition is expected to decline slowly during the winter period of hibernation and not improve until warming in the spring of 1964.

A few reports of oysters that were poor and shucking out only a few pints were received. These were checked as of early December 1963 and no parasite had been found associated with the condition. One apparent cause of poor yields in pints per bushel was the rapid growth in 1963 that enabled many young oysters to reach legal size but with thin shells, long bills, and shallow cups. Expecially when clustered, these thin flat oysters cannot yield many pints even when fairly fat, (Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, Solomons, Md., December 10, 1963.)



## Michigan

STOCKS OF LAKE TROUT INCREASE DUE TO RESEARCH:

Latest studies give United States and Canadian conservation agencies another solid vote of confidence behind their joint efforts to control the parasitic sea lamprey and rebuild lake trout populations in the upper Great Lakes.

Good survival and growth among lake trout in Lake Superior continue as the result of lamprey control and fish plantings in recent years, according to reports made during the December 1963 meeting of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission in Ottawa, Canada. Also, catches of adult sea lamprey remained relatively low in 26 streams along the south shore of Lake Superior where electrical barriers are in operation.

Although up somewhat from 1962, the 1963 lamprey take is still 79 percent below the average catch of these eel-like predators during the 1957-61 period.

Barrier operations and commercial catches underline the combined effectiveness of lamprey control and fish plantings in Lake Michigan. Through September 1963, commercial operators had taken 26,000 pounds of lake trout in those waters, their highest total since 1949. A year earlier they had netted only 325 pounds from Lake Michigan.

Lamprey catches in 1963 declined 55 percent from 1962 in 2 of 3 Lake Michigan streams where barriers are in use. The reduction was recorded in the Bark and Sturgeon Rivers which were chemically treated. In the untreated Cedar river, there was a 12-percent jump in the number of lampreys captured.

Lake trout studies show a drop in the number of lamprey-scarred fish caught in Lake Superior. Too, they reveal a continued improvement in the average size of lake trout which has increased from 2.5 to 3.4 pounds during the last five years.

The U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries reported that lake trout 29-32 inches long were more abundant in 1963; those in the 25-28-inch group made smaller gains. Fewer fish were available from 1962 to grow into the 21-24 inch category. Lake trout less than 21 inches long were more numerous in 1963, virtually all of them being hatchery fish.

As expected, hatchery-reared fish again accounted for a larger percent of lake trout catches in Michigan's Lake Superior waters. East of the Keweenaw Peninsula, hatchery fish made up almost 55 percent of the legal catch through September 1963 as compared

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to only 1.2 percent in 1959. Among the undersized fish, the hatchery figure climbed from less than 3 percent in 1959 to 94 percent in the fall of 1963.

In Wisconsin waters there also had been a marked increase in the abundance of juvenile lake trout in Lake Superior, due almost entirely to large plantings of hatchery fish.

Fisheries officials are particularly encouraged by signs of lake trout spawning in most areas along the Michigan shore of Lake Superior from Grand Marais westward. Last fall's spawning run was the largest since 1958 in Wisconsin's waters, and there is good reason to expect that 1964 will see another large increase of spawning fish in these and other parts of Lake Superior.

The lake trout restoration program is coordinated by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Federal, Canadian, and state agencies, including the Michigan Department of Conservation, are cooperating in the longrange effort. (Michigan Department of Conservation, Official News Bulletin, December 12, 1963.)

# New England Fisheries

# BOTTOMFISH AND SCALLOP LANDINGS IN 1963 AND FORECAST FOR 1964:

Changes in the abundance of groundfish on New England fishing banks are expected to be mixed during 1964, and the abundance of sea scallops will decline, according to the Acting Director of the North and Middle Atlantic Region of the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. This forecast is based on information provided by biologists of the Bureau's Woods Hole Laboratory who monitor the landings of commercial fishermen, and study the population of fish and shellfish on offshore fishing banks by sampling with the Bureau's new fishing research vessel Albatross IV.

Haddock landings in New England in 1963 will be about 112 million pounds, a decline from the 117 million pounds landed during 1962. The stocks of haddock on New England banks are expected to remain in only fair supply during 1964, so landings in 1964 will not improve. The drop will be most noticeable in the scrod category because of the scarcity of small fish which has been due to the age groups spawned in 1960, 1961, and 1962 being below average in abundance.

However, things will be brighter in the haddock fishery after 1964. The survival of fish spawned in 1963 appears to have been unusually high. Both the summer and fall surveys of the offshore banks by the Albatross IV indicate the greatest abundance of young fish since the surveys were started in 1953. These young fish will reach marketable size and thus begin to be important to the fishery in the summer of 1965. This 1963 age group is expected to support the fishery for several years.

Landings of cod in 1963 will be slightly less than the 35 million pounds landed in 1962. There has been an upward

trend in cod landings during the past few years, and abundance in 1964 is expected to remain at a relatively high level. Surveys by the Albatross IV show a fairly strong age group spawned in 1963 which should enter the fishery in late 1964 and early 1965.

Landings of ocean perch in 1963 will be somewhat over 100 million pounds with abundance holding steady. There is some indication that there will be more fishing in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1964. If so, total United States landings in 1964 will exceed those of 1963.

Yellowtail flounder landings in 1963 will be nearly 75 million pounds, an all time high. This is due to increased abundance of fish which resulted from excellent survival of the age groups spawned in 1958, 1959, and 1960. The oldest of these age groups will be of less importance in 1964, and the following age group (1961) appears to be a poor one. Therefore, abundance and landings are expected to be lower in 1964, although still at a relatively high level.

United States landings of whiting (silver hake) in 1963 will total about 92 million pounds which is slightly less than the figure for 1962. The U.S.S.R. fleet probably removed an equal quantity of whiting from the area during the year, What effect the Russian fishing will have on the stocks of whiting cannot be determined at this time, according to Bureau biologists. Thus they are withholding any estimate of the availability of this species to United States fishermen during the year 1964. There is, however, no indication at present of any serious decline in abundance.

Sea scallops have suffered a decline in abundance during 1962 and 1963 although total landings by United States and Canadian fishermen did not slip much in 1963. United States vessels landed about 19.7 million pounds of scallop meats in 1963, which was 16 percent less than the 23.5 million pounds landed in 1962. Canadian landings, however, increased from 13.9 million pounds in 1962 to 16.4 million pounds in 1963, Research vessel surveys show that the downward trend in abundance is continuing and landings are expected to decrease again in 1964.



## North Atlantic Fishery Investigations

GROUNDFISH DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE STUDIES:

M/V "Albatross IV" Cruise 63-7-2 (December 2-16, 1963): To determine the fall distribution and relative abundance of groundfish species from Georges Bank to Hudson Canyon and to study marine food and its availability to a number of groundfish species were the main objectives of this cruise by the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries research vessel Albatross IV.

Around-the-clock fishing operations were conducted with a No. 36 trawl (lined). A total of 86 fishing and 2 hydrographic-plankton stations were occupied, 128 bathythermograph casts were made, and 300 sea-bed drifters were released. Otoliths were removed from 31 cod, scales were taken from 473 haddock and 1,190 yellowtail flounder, and 1,760 stomachs from many species were examined. Hy-

drographic and plankton data were collected. Temperature data were collected on a specific transect to compare with the temperature readings taken from an airplane with infrared equipment.

There were on the cruise two biologists from the Marine Fisheries Laboratory of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Game. Fluke and porgy are extremely important to New Jersey commercial and sport fishermen, and the present cruise provided an opportunity for cooperative work on the winter distribution of those two species.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, Sept. 1963 p. 37.



# North Atlantic Fisheries Exploration and Gear Research

TUNA DISTRIBUTION STUDIES IN NORTH ATLANTIC CONTINUED:

M/V "Delaware" Cruise 63-11 (November 13-25 and December 2-10, 1963): This exploratory long-line cruise continued seasonal coverage of the tuna populations in waters east of New England and south of Nova Scotia by the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries exploratory fishing vessel Delaware. The objectives of the cruise were to: (1) investigate the distribution, abundance, and migration of tuna and swordfish; (2) evaluate the tuna and swordfish commercial fishing potential in the Northwest Atlantic; and (3) collect descriptive oceanographic data.

Previous pelagic long-line explorations in the Northwest Atlantic during November and December had been limited to the work of the Japanese exploratory fishing vessel Shoyo Maru in December 1959, and that of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution research vessel Crawford in November 1960.

New information was obtained by the <u>Delaware</u> during cruise 63-11. The known range of albacore (<u>Thunnus alalunga</u>), yellowfin (<u>Thunnus albacares</u>), big-eyed (<u>Thunnus obesus</u>), and skipjack (<u>Katsuwonus pelamis</u>) in the late fall season was extended north to 41° latitude and east to 60° longitude by a significant catch at station No. 4 (see table). The catch of 12 albacore on 420 hooks at Station No. 8 (2.9 fish per 100 hooks) proved to be the highest known catch rate for this species in the Northwest Atlantic. The conspicu-

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ously small catch of bluefin tuna (Thunnus thynnus) suggested that this species had not moved into the oceanic (Gulf Stream front) area from continental slope waters.



Fig. 1 - Albacore tuna from a <u>Delaware</u> long-line set off New England on November 23, 1963.

Of the 12 long-line sets (3,570 hooks) completed during the cruise, 8 were daylight sets and 4 were night sets. Gear consisted of Japanese-type long-line (160 fathoms of mainline with 7 branchline assemblies per "basket"). Several "baskets" were modified to test new long-line gear components: polypropylene mainline and branchline, vinyl-covered galvanized wire leaders, and aluminum leader crimping ferrules. Floatline lengths were varied at 10, 20, and 30 fathoms to determine relationships of catch to depth and temperature. A minimum of four bathythermograph casts were made at each long-line station. Squid, herring, and mackerel were used to determine bait selectivity.

Seven temperature transects between stations provided thermal environmental data to assist in positioning long-line sets. The long-line set at Station No. 4 was of particular interest because of its position across a "thermal wall;" on the warm side, the catch pro-

Tinne   Lat.   Long   Set No.   Hooke   Tuna   Sharks   Misc. Fish   Temp. F.	Sta.	Date		Position	tion	Gear &	No. of				Surf	
11-15   2150-   21-18   42-089   62-459   1147   210	No.	+	Time	Lat.	Long	Set No.	Hooks	Tuna	Sharks	Misc. Fish	Temp. * F.	Remarks 1
11-12   2150-   2151-   2150-   21-28N   20-128N   20-		11-15		42-02N	64-06W	LLAI	420		1.P	2 LL, 2 SL	52. 7-53.0	
11-20   0653-1410   41-14N   59-56W   LL43   420   5.A. 2 VF   1 M   4 LL   55-4-69-6   1   11-21   11-22   2150-6   41-16N   62-16W   LL44   420   1A.4 VF   1 B   1 LL, 1 LF   69-3-71-9   3   11-22   2150-6   41-00N   62-16W   LL45   210   1 VF, 2 BE   1 M   1 LL, 1 LF   59.7-60-9   51.11-22   0645-1315   41-06N   62-45W   LL46   210   1 VF, 2 BE   1 M   1 LL   50.4-59-9   2   11-22   0645-1315   41-06N   62-45W   LL46   210   1 VF, 2 BE   1 M   1 LL   50.4-59-9   2   11-22   0645-1315   40-15N   64-00W   LL47   420   12A, 6 VF   1 M   1 LL   50.4-59-9   2   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1		11-17	2150	42-00N	62-45W	LL#2	210				52. 3-53. 4	
11-21   0625-1355   40-39N   62-16W   1L44   420   1A, 4YF   1B   1LL, 1L5   69.3-71.9   31   11-21   2150-0.0625-1355   41-06N   62-46W   LL45   210   1YF, 2BE   1M   1LL, 1LF   59.7-60.9   51.11-22   2150-0.062-1415   41-06N   62-46W   LL46   210   1YF, 2BE   1M   1LL   25W   1.0.9   25W   25W   2.0   25W   2.0   25W   2.0   25W   2.0   25W   2.0   25W   2.0	3.	11-20		41-28N	60-12W	DNNL					54.5	
11-21   2150-   2150-   2100N   62-46W   LL45   210   6 BE   3 M   1 LL, 1 LF   59,7-6.9   5   11-22   2150-   2100N   62-46W   LL46   210   1 YF, 2 BE   1 M   1 LL   1 S. 58W   1 S. 58	4	11-20		41-14N	M95-65	LL#3	420	5 A, 2 YF 1 BE, 1 SJ	1 M	4 1.1	55. 4-69. 6	IA - Lost
11-22   11-24   11-25   11-2	9.	11-21		40-39N	62-16W	LL#4	420	1 A. 4 YF	1.8	1 LL, 1 LS	69. 3-71. 9	3 YF - Tagged
11-22   0645-1315   41-06N   62-45W   LL#6   210   1 YF, 2 BE   1 M   1 LL   50.4-59.9   2   2   2   2   2   2   2   2   2		11-21	2150	41-00N	62-48W	LL#S	210	6 BE	3 M	1 LL, 1 LF 2 SW	59. 7-60. 9	5 BE - Tagged
11-23   0625-1415   40-2ZN   64-00W   LL#7   420   12 A, 6 YF   1M   3 LL   50.C-54.5   2	7.	11-22		41-06N	62-45W	9#77	210	1 YF, 2 BE	1 M	11.1	50. 4-59. 9	1 YF - Tagged 2 BE - Tagged
12-5   0620-1420   40-15N   64-12W   LL48   420   6.A, 5 BE   1 M   1 LL   51.5-64.1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1	æ	11-23		40-22N	64-00W	LLØ7	420	12 A, 6 YF 4 BE, 2 BF	М	3 LL 1 Opah	50. 6-54. 5	4 A - Tagged 4 YF - Tagged 2 BE - Tagged 2 BF - Tagged
12-5   2140-   40-13N   65-45W   LL#   210   1.A   1.LF   210   1.LF   2.SL   53.9-63.0   1.LF   1.LF   2.SL   2	6	12- 5	0620-1420	40-15N	64-12W	1.148	420	6 A, 5 BE	1.14	17.7	51.5-64.1	1 A - Tagged 3 BE - Tagged 1 A - Lost 1 M - Tagged
12-6   0700-1305   40-12N   65-44W   LL#10   210   1 BE   1B, 1 M   1 Chah   1 Cha	10.	12-5	2140-	40-13N	65-45W	LL#9	210	1.4		1 SW, 1 C	53. 9-63. 0	1 A - Tagged
12-7   2135-   39-06N   66-26W   LL411   210   1BE   1B, 1M   62.5-63.0     12-8   6555-1235   39-07N   66-30W   LL412   210   25.0, 13.YE,   1B, 0.0   13.LL, 1.R   62.9-63.0     Totals	=	12- 6		40-12N	65-44W	LL#10	210			2 SL 1 Opah	53.9-61.8	
12-8   0635-1235   39-07N   66-30W   LL#12   210   15L, 1R   62.9-63.0   15L, 1R   62.9-63.0   15L   1B, 8M   13 LL, 1R   52.9-63.0   19 BE, 2 BF, 1P   5 SL, 2 Opah   15J	12.	12-7	2135-	39-06N	66-26W	DINNE	210	1 BE	1 B, 1 M		62.5-63.0	
Totals	13.	12- 8	0635-1235	39-07N	66-30W	LL#12	210			1 SL, 1 R	62.9-63.0	
			Totals			:	3,570	25 A, 13 YF, 19 BE, 2 BF, 1 SJ	18,8 M	13 LL, 1 R 5 SL, 2 Opah 3 SW, 2 LF 1 C, 1 LS		6 A - Tagged 8 YF - Tagged 12 BE - Tagged 2 BF - Tagged 1 M - Tagged 2 A - Lost

1/Fight tagged and refeased are included in the catch; itsi for at one rail are not included in the catch.
Abbreviations: Gar: LL = Long line; DNML = Dip net, Night light,
Tuna: A = Albacore; BE = Big-eyed; BF = Bluefin; YF = Yellowfin; S] = Skipjack.
Sharks: B Blue, M-Alkato, F = Forbeagle.
Misc. Fishes - LL = Long-nose lancetting; SL = Short-nose lancetting, SW = Swordfish; R = Pelagic ray; C = Centrolophus sp.; LF = Lepidocybium flavobrunneum; LS = Long-nose lancetting.

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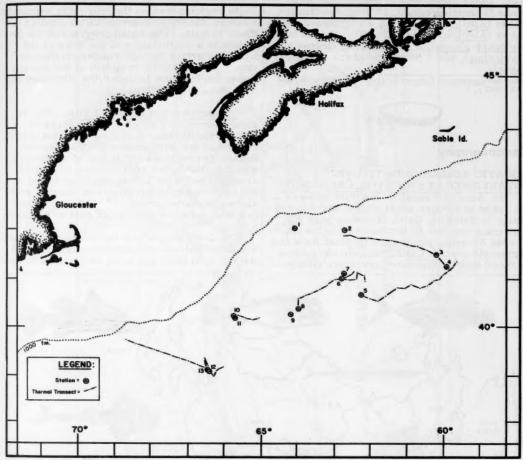


Fig. 2 - Area of operations during M/V Delaware Cruise 63-11, November 13-25, and December 2-10, 1963.

gressed from skipjack to albacore and yellowfin at the "wall," and ended with a single bigeyed tuna on the colder side of the "wall,"

During the bait selectivity tests at station nos. 4, 5, 7, and 8, herring and squid baits were used on alternate "baskets." The albacore catch on herring was eight times that on the squid bait, and all yellowfin taken at those stations were caught on herring. Mackerel and squid were fished during night sets; the catch was too small to indicate a bait preference although two small swordfish (Xiphias gladius) (41 and 75 pounds) were caught on mackerel, while a 300-pound swordfish was taken with herring bait.

The average weight of the tuna in the catch were: albacore 31 pounds, big-eyed 60 pounds, yellowfin 52 pounds, bluefin 65 pounds, and skipjack 21 pounds. The only tuna that sustained shark damage was a 125-pound big-eyed. Fish that were not needed for additional study were tagged and released.

Aside from the tuna and swordfish catch, several other specimens of scientific interest were taken during the cruise, including the longbill spearfish (Tetraturus pfluegeri), 1 specimen; the gempylid (Lepidocybium flavo-brunneum), 2 specimens; the black ruff (Centrolophus niger), 1 specimen; and the pelagic stingray (Dasyatis violacea); 1 speci-

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men. Other specimens of lesser note were 2 opahs (Lampris regius), 13 longnose lancet-fishes (Alepisaurus ferox), 5 shortnose lancet-fishes (Alepisaurus brevirostris), 1 blue shark (Prionace glauca), 8 mako sharks (Isurus oxyrinchus), and 1 porbeagle shark (Lamna nasus).

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, Aug. 1963 p. 36, and Feb. 1962 p. 1.



## Oceanography

AQUATIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE ESTABLISHED AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA:

The Aquatic Research Institute was established in 1962 as a non-profit, tax-exempt entity in Stockton, Calif. (see map page 41). The main concern of the Institute is the coastal area or estuarine zone of tropical Asia and temperate central California. Investigations in those widely separated areas are interre-

lated because the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region provides the only delta system in western America with conditions similar to those in Asia. The Asian program of the Institute is a continuation of the work of the formerly active George Vanderbilt Foundation. The scientific program of the Aquatic Research Institute is under the direction of Dr. Robert R. Rofen.

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: This region extends over about 738,000 acres in central California. It is located at the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and includes 700 miles of waterways which have a water surface covering 50,000 acres. The Delta embraces a variety of water environments, ranging from marine rocky shores to marsh areas. Tidal influence and brackish water extend as far east as Stockton,

The Delta supports many kinds of fish and wildlife. Salmon and steelhead pass through the Delta on their spawning migrations to up-

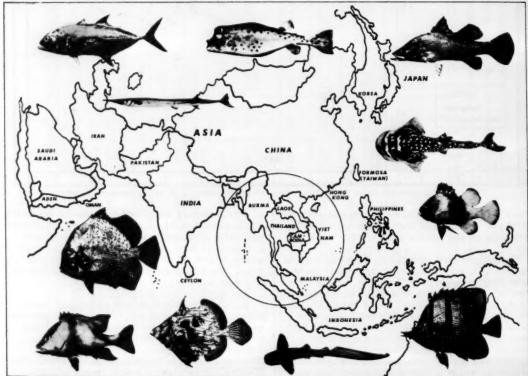


Fig. 1 - Shows the Asiatic region (where one-half of the world's people live) with its seas and estuaries, good sources of food if fighery resources can be properly developed.

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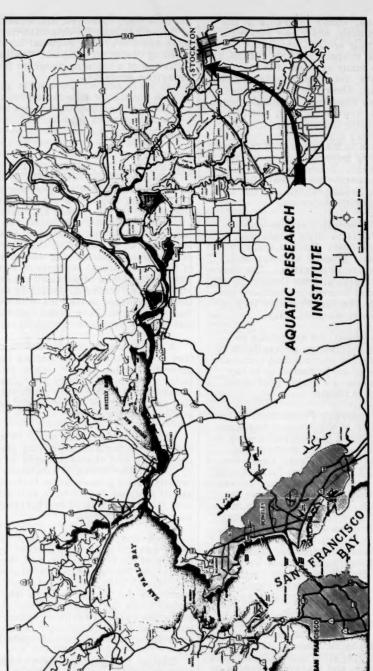


Fig. 2 - Shows the Sacramento and San Joaquin Delta area in central California.

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stream tributaries. Other migrants in the Delta are striped bass, shad, and sturgeon. Fish which live their entire lives in the Delta area include bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish, and carp. There are many species of invertebrates in the Delta, the most prominent being shrimp and clams. Over two hundred species of birds have been reported. Mammals present include mink, beaver, racoon, and river otter.

Tidal estuaries in many parts of the world today are providing important commercial quantities of protein. Scientific investigations in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta can aid in solving basic problems in the development of estuarine fisheries.

The Aquatic Research Institute will be aided by its nearness to other research groups such as the Delta Wildlife Study, which is a California State project with headquarters and laboratories in Stockton. The San Joaquin Delta College, and the University of the Pacific are also located in Stockton, and the universities in the San Franciso Bay region are only a short distance away.

The Asian Program: An enormous resource of food is believed to be available in the seas and estuaries surrounding tropical Asia. The development of fisheries to harvest those resources is a major goal of the Aquatic Research Institute.

The George Vanderbilt Foundation, which was the forerunner to the Aquatic Research Institute, accomplished considerable work in Asia between 1950 and 1961. Fishery surveys were conducted in the South China Sea. Gulf of Thailand, Andaman Sea, Indian Ocean, French Oceania, Line Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Hawaiian Islands. A handbook of the food fishes of the Gulf of Thailand and a book on the fisheries of the Western Caroline Islands were completed. In addition, training programs were carried out for fisheries officers, aquatic biologists, and ichthyologists of the United States, Thailand, Hong Kong, South Viet Nam, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and other countries of southeast and east Asia.

The plans of the Aquatic Research Institute call for: (1) completion of Asian research programs initiated by the George Vanderbilt Foundation; (2) preparation and publication of handbooks, manuals, and technical reports on

the food fish, fisheries, and aquatic ecology of Asian regions; (3) establishment and operation of an overseas regional laboratory and training center in Bangkok, Thailand; and (4) initiation of a training program for Asian and American students.



## Refrigeration

TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM ON FREEZING OF FISHERY PRODUCTS:

The semiannual convention of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Airconditioning Engineers was held at the Hotel Roosevelt, New Orleans, La., January 27-29, 1964. It featured a symposium on the freezing of seafoods chairmaned by Charles Butler of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Washington, D.C., who is a member of the International Institute of Refrigeration. The purpose was to acquaint managers, engineers, and technical people in the refrigeration and seafood industries with developments that have taken place in the freezing of fish and fishery products over the past 40 years.

A review paper on the history of refrigeration in the United States fishing industry was given by Harden Taylor, one of the pioneers in the freezing of fishery products. It reviewed some of the early methods of freezing fish and discussed the growth of the frozen seafood industry.

Quality changes that occur in shrimp and methods for further improving product acceptability and wholesomeness were discussed by Dr. Arthur Novak of Louisiana State University. New preservation techniques on the use of ionizing radiation in extending the natural fresh qualities of refrigerated shrimp were also described.

Time-temperature tolerance of frozen foods was the subject of a paper by John Peters of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Technological Laboratory, Gloucester, Mass. It included a discussion of research on the quality changes that occur in frozen foods during storage and distribution; and some recent results of research being conducted at the Gloucester laboratory and their importance to the refrigeration industry.

Quality changes in fishery products was the subject of a paper presented by Dr. William

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Dyer of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. The biochemical changes that take place in fish prior to, during, and after freezing, and their significance to fish quality were discussed.

The freezing of seafood now and in the future was discussed by Joseph W. Slavin, Acting Chief of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Branch of Technology. Information was given on methods for estimating the freezing rates of fishery products and on commercial freezing techniques.

A paper on the role of the refrigeration engineer in the seafood industry by Luke St. Onge of V. C. Patterson and Associates concluded the session. The daily problems of refrigeration engineers in designing fish storage and freezing installations were discussed; some specific applications were dealt with in detail.

Registration at the convention was open to the public and registrants were invited to attend the symposium.



#### Sardines

MAINE PACK, 1963:
A total of 1,584,000 standard cases (100 33-oz, cans) of Maine sardines was canned during the 1963 packing season, according to the Maine Sardine Council. Although this was considerably less than the 2,117,000 cases produced during the 1962 season, it was well ahead of the critically small pack of only 671,000 cases in 1961, when there was a shortage of fish.

The Maine Sardine Council's Executive Secretary said that fish were abundant in all areas along the coast for most of the season in 1963 and that this gave canners a wide se-lection which enabled them to produce a high quality pack. He said that a policy of balanced production from season to season by most canners had resulted in an increasingly favorable inventory situation which should further improve with the usual high Lenten demand. Markets and distribution temporarily lost to imports because of the 1961 shortage have been mostly recovered so that the Maine sardine industry now enjoys well over 50 percent of the total sales of all sardines in the United States," according to the Council's rep-

resentative. He also pointed out that volume movements in a recently launched export market development program have further helped to bring inventories into favorable balance.



#### Shrimp

UNITED STATES SHRIMP SUPPLY INDICATORS, DECEMBER 1963:

Item and Period	1963	1962	1961	1960
		000 Lbs.	Heads-	Off)
Total landings, So. Atl. and G				
February	3,986		3,910	
January	3,993		5,686	5,402
	13,212		6,538 9,996	7,099
November , ,	115,448			119,481
January-October January-December		105,839		141,035
Quantity canned, Gulf States 1			- 00	004
February	281		90	204 266
January	592	492	183	894
December	2,180	1,879	816	
November	2,400 24,752	2,727	2,175	1,535
January-October January-December	29,332	18,604 23,210	11,508	23,965
January-December	28,332	23,210	14,500	20,389
Frozen inventories (as of end	of each	mo,)2/:		
February 28	28,039		37,612	29,063
January 31	28,487		37,842	34,332
December 31	3/	31,577	19,755	40,913
November 30 4/	42,142	27,500	20,668	37,264
October 31 4/	37,418	21,315	17,811	31,209
September 30	27,356	12,843	13,361	24,492
Imports 5/:				
February	12,100	10,599	8,932	7,657
	13,139	12,907	12,338	8,596
January	3/	15,798	15,442	12,411
	14,759	17,964	14,852	13,516
November	120,474	107 421	95,988	87,492
	3/	141.183		
January-December	2)	141,100	20,200	110,410
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Ex-vessel price, all species,			Ports:	
February	85.7	78.9	53.5	51.8
January	85.0	76.3	52.5	49.5
December	6/54-65	82.9	75,2	54.2
November	6/52-62	84.5	73.5	54.0
October	6/51-64	90,0	68.7	53.0
September	6/55-64	90.9	70.1	52,2
August	59.0	83,6	66.1	52,0
July	63,5	82,1	55,8	54.6
Wholesale price froz. brown	5-lb, pkg	.) Chicag	o. Ill.:	0.
February			69-71	65-67
January	102-106		69-71	64-66
December	75-82	101-107		68-70
November	71-78	105-110		69-73
October	67-75	108-115		69-73
September	73-77	113-118		65-70
August	75-81	110-112	76-91	64-67
July	77-97	3/	70-75	72-77
Pounds of headless shrimp determined by	muitinly math	e number of s	tandard case	a by 30.3
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pounds per case). /Raw headless only; excludes breaded, per /Not available.	eled and deve	ined, etc.		
/Not available. /Inventory of September 30, 1963, includ-	es 2. 868, 000	nounds and	November 2	n 1963
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POSTLARVAL STUDIES INDICATE POSSIBLE | tap water for periods of time ranging from VALUE AS INDEX OF ADULT POPULATION:

The first year of the postlarval shrimp study being made by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory under a U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries contract was completed in October 1963. Although identification of all specimens to species has not been completed, it seems likely that a satisfactory index for prediction of the adult population of commercial species of shrimp is being established. Retention of all samples has produced a large quantitative collection of many species living along the shores of Mississippi Sound and adjacent bays. Records of hydrographic data are extensive.

The contract with the Bureau has been renewed and data for another year will be collected and compared to what has already been completed.



## Smoked Fish

STATUS REPORT ON SMOKED FISH-PROCESSING STUDIES

CONDUCTED IN GREAT LAKES REGION: The progress made on smoked fish processing studies to test the effects of certain process time/temperatures for the production of smoked chub is outlined in a report issued on January 10, 1964, by the Regional Director. U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Ann Arbor, Mich. The studies were conducted at the Bureau's Great Lakes Technological Laboratory in Ann Arbor.

One of the first objectives of these smoked fish-processing studies was to evaluate product quality as affected by interim processing guidelines provided by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and States concerned with the subject. Initial tests were completed by early January, and procedures that were used, results obtained, and their significance to the fishing industry follow:

## General Procedures:

- 1. Raw Material: Fifty-pound blocks of dressed "medium" chub frozen at 0° F. in alginate were used.
- 2. Thawing of Blocks: The 50-pound blocks were removed from frozen storage and thawed by immersing in a tank of cold

8-12 hours.

- 3. Brining: The brining operation was conducted in a large plastic tank. Granulated salt was poured into the empty tank in an amount estimated to make a sufficient quantity of brine. Cold tap water was then added to the tank by use of a hose. Hose pressure was used to stir the mixture to facilitate solution. Salometer readings were made at frequent intervals to achieve desired brine strength.
- 4. Smoking: After brining, the fish were individually hung head-down on "smokesticks." The weight of fish on each stick was then obtained to the nearest 0.1 pound for "brined weight," These sticks have a series of pairs of sharp-pointed nails protruding on two sides. The fish are hung on the sticks by skewering them at the tail-end on the nails. Each stick held about 5 pounds of fish, and 2 sticks were used to evaluate each of the subsequent treatments.

Traditional wood-fired ovens were used for tests 1 and 2. For subsequent tests, a small gas-fired smokehouse was used in order to achieve controlled conditions of temperature (no control of relative humidity).

During each test, thermocouples were inserted into several representative fish and others were left exposed in several locations within the smokehouse. Continuous recordings were made of internal temperature of product and smokehouse temperature by use of a gas-fired 24-point recording potentiome-

For all tests using the gas-fired oven, the smokehouse remained cold until the fish were loaded therein, After loading, heat was applied to the oven, at which time the smoke generator was turned on and smoking was continued throughout the process.

After processing, the fish were removed from the smokehouse and placed in a 0° F. freezer for a minimum of one hour to cool. After cooling, the fish were weighed to the nearest 0.1 pound to obtain "smoked weight."

5. Holding Conditions: Upon completion of weighing, the fish were packaged either in bulk or vacuum packs, and either frozen at 0° F. or stored at 36° F.

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Yield: Percentage yield was obtained by the following formula:

#### Results:

1. Raw Fish: Analyses of frozen, raw control samples were as follows:

% water - 75.9 % fat - 7.0 % salt - 0.1

2. Smoked Fish: Analyses of smoked samples heated to various internal temperatures were as follows:

		Maximum		rcent		
Test No.	Brine Strength	Internal Temp.	Water	Fat	Salt	Yield
		or,				
1	250 - 12 hrs.	1650		9.6		70
2	250 - 12 hrs.	1800		9.3		57
3	250 - 15 hrs.	180°	69.0	8.2	49	72
4	250 - 15 hrs.	180° for 30 min.	67.3	7.2	6.0	67
5	25° - 15 hrs.	1600 for 5 hrs.	57.8	9.5	7.6	54
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3. Pasteurization after Smoking: Samples of smoked fish were vacuum-packaged in plastic pouches and placed in water heated to 190° F. It required 40 minutes for the internal temperature of the product to reach 180° F.; this temperature was then maintained for an additional 30 minutes.

The plastic pouch used for water-bath pasteurization was a lamination of cellulose and polyethylene. Although the pouch remained intact during the treatment, it acquired a "frosted" appearance. However, more suitable materials would be readily available commercially.

It was noted that little or no moisture or oil was rendered from the smoked fish into the pouch as a result of pasteurization such that the product's appearance would be objectionable. The meat of the pasteurized fish remained firm and moist.

#### Discussion:

The primary purpose of the tests was to determine the effect on product quality of

processing smoked chub to an internal temperature of 180° F. for 30 minutes. The attribute of quality was considered, for this purpose, to be the general eating qualities of flavor, texture, and degree of moistness of the edible portion, plus the general appearance of the product as contrasted with that of chub smoked in the traditional manner. Also considered were such economic factors as percentage of yield of smoked product and time required to process.

The results of the tests indicated that chub can be processed in a controlled smokehouse to an internal temperature of 180° F., maintained at this temperature for 30 minutes, and produce an acceptable product in terms of eating quality. Comparison of this product to chub smoked to lower internal temperatures (i.e., 165° F.) in wood-fired ovens permits the following general observations:

- 1. Over-all appearance of the new product seemed reasonably acceptable. Some wrinkling of the skin was noted, but was not judged to be excessive. Color was poor (light), but could probably be corrected with a more suitable smoke generator.
- 2. Yield of products smoked conventionally in a wood-fired smokehouse equalled 70 percent. Yield of products processed to 180° F. for 30 minutes in a gas-fired smokehouse equalled 67 percent (total process time = 23/4 hrs.).
- 3. Incidence of fish dropping from the smoke sticks during heating was extremely low (of 300 pounds processed, a total of 3 fish fell to the bottom of the oven).
- 4. Taste test indicated the meat to be somewhat less moist than the conventional product, but not objectionably so.
- Texture of meat was somewhat firmer than the conventional product.
- 6. Preliminary comparisons of frozen versus refrigerated samples clearly indicated significant "softening" of the texture as a result of freezing.

Smoked Fish Manual: One action the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries planned was the preparation of a manual that would describe good commercial sanitary processing and handling techniques and the significance

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of Cl. botulinum type E to the industry. Such a smoked fish-processing and handling manual, providing interim guidelines for process and sanitation control, is being prepared and is expected to be available to industry in draft stage at least, in a relatively short time. Included in the manual will be sections on botulinum food intoxication, process and sanitation control recommendations, and a sanitation checklist for processors.

Research on Cl. Botulinum Type E: Type E botulism has been traced to smoked fishery products manufactured in Great Lakes States. Review of the botulinum outbreaks and other information on the distribution and properties of the organism clearly indicates that Cl. botulinum type E represents a serious potential hazard in smoked fishery products. Recognizing the seriousness of this matter, regulatory agencies have taken emergency interim measures considered adequate to safeguard the consumers. Aside from the impact of these events on the consumer, these emergency regulations have dealt the smoked fish industry a crushing blow, particularly in the Great Lakes region.

Recognizing the need for prompt attention to certain problem areas requiring specialized knowledge and research on Cl. botulinum type E, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries has initiated contract research studies, the results of which will allow for the more orderly development of the required processing and handling codes for the smoked fish industry. A contract has been effected with the University of Wisconsin, Professor E. M. Foster, Bacteriology Department, will be conducting studies for the development of thermal death time curves for Cl. botulinum type E toxin and spores on smoked fishery products, as affected by certain product variables. A research contract has also been negotiated with Michigan State University. Professor R. Lechowich, Department of Food Science, will be concerned with methodology for recovery of low levels of type E toxin and spores from smoked fish as well as with heat resistance of the spores and temperature requirements for toxin formation in smoked fish.

When results of the processing work and the contract work, described before, have been obtained, it will then be possible to go to FDA and the various cooperating states with a definite proposal to modify the interim processing regulations now in effect with the intent to substitute regulations based on

scientific evidence that the industry can live with.

Progress in Marketing and Consumer Education: Consumer confidence in all fishery products marketed in the Great | Lakes has been badly shaken, and in some instances destroyed, as a result of the publicity stemming from the botulism incidents and the FDA warning to the public about the use of smoked fish from Great Lakes processing plants. The publicity was erroneously interpreted by the public to include fresh and frozen fishery products despite efforts on the part of industry to clarify FDA action.

As a result, sales of fish in retail outlets dropped off 30 to 50 percent, and even more in some localities. Restaurants have reported sales of fish dinners off 25 to 60 percent. Fish have been taken off some school lunchroom menus. Inventories of fish used for smoking in the Great Lakes area persist at high levels and most Great Lakes fishermen have been informed to stop fishing.

United States consumer fear of Great Lakes fishery products has international implications as well. The Canadian Consulate at Detroit, Mich., reported that sales of Canadian fresh-water fish to United States customers have drastically declined--whitefish as much as 80 percent.

Great Lakes fishery associations have requested Bureau of Commercial Fisheries assistance in developing and implementing an intensive market promotion program in the Midwest. In response to that request, the Bureau's marketing program in the Midwest has been reoriented, and the marketing staff was active for six weeks in a stepped-up consumer education effort calculated to restore consumer faith in fishery products.

Emergency consumer education activities by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries to help restore confidence in fishery products included: 7 live TV fish-cookery demonstrations, 6 taped TV demonstrations, 4 radio interviews, 4 TV interviews, and 1 presentation for an Executive Chef Association. These were presented in five states. In addition, three 10-minute video tapes of fish-cookery methods were made at a Chicago educational television station at the Bureau's expense. Copies of the tapes will be used by the Bureau's marketing specialists in scheduling programs throughout the Midwest and other areas.

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Bureau of Commercial Fisheries personnel from the Ann Arbor Regional Office have held meetings with fishery association groups in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Ohio, to explain the botulism problem, to discuss the effects of the adverse publicity on the fishing industry, and to plan avenues of corrective action. It is generally agreed that an all-out industry-Government promotional effort is needed to restore the good image of fishery products to Midwest consumers and, almost as important, to help restore the confidence of the fishing industry in itself and in its products. It has been agreed further that such a promotion was to begin immediately, with a gradual buildup occurring during the Lenten period, peaking in the spring, and continuing at a high level throughout the coming year. It is generally recognized that this will not be an easy task and that intensive cooperative industry-Government efforts will be necessary if normalcy is again to be restored to the markets for fishery products in the Midwest.

Some promotional activities have been undertaken by the fishing industry. The Fisheries Council of the Great Lakes was formed in Detroit. This group sponsored a fish buffet served in the Michigan Capitol Rotunda to almost a thousand persons. The Wisconsin Fisheries Council planned promotional activities to begin the first week in February. Similar plans have been stimulated for a Minnesota promotion through industry members in Duluth. Chicago industry members were also studying promotional action. Prospects look favorable that these groups and others can be drawn together for concerted action.

Major Great Lakes industry associations were organizing a concerted market promotion effort in the Midwest. At the request of industry, an industry-Government marketing assistance proposal was prepared for consideration. Invitations were sent to the associations and to major industry members to send representatives to a meeting held January 11, 1964, in the Bureau's Ann Arbor Regional Office to discuss the initiation of an action program. It was further hoped that this meeting will be the vehicle for organizing a Great Lakes-wide action group to speak and act for the entire industry, in all of its phases.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, December 1963 p. 85.



## South Atlantic Exploratory Fishery Program

SCALLOP DISTRIBUTION SURVEY OFF FLORIDA:

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M/V "Silver Bay" Cruise 51 (November 619, 1963): To assess the seasonal distribution and availability of calico scallops (Pecten
gibbus) off the east coast of Florida between
St. Augustine and Stuart was the primary objective of this 14-day cruise by the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries exploratory
fishing vessel Silver Bay.

A total of 177 dredging stations were occupied with 6- and 8-foot tumbler dredges fitted with 2-inch bag rings and 2-inch mesh nylon liners. The best catches were made in a strip roughly 10 miles long and 2 miles wide, centered at latitude 28° 30° N., at a depth of 26 to 27 fathoms. There the average catch rate was 12 bushels of shell stock per 30-minute drag. The largest individual scallop catch was 12 bushels in 15 minutes. The scallops in that area averaged 50 to 55 millimeters (1.97-2.17 inches). Their shucked yield averaged 107 meats per pint (see map on page 48).

In all areas surveyed, dead shell dominated the catches. In depths of 12 to 32 fathoms, catches of small scallops--25 to 45 millimeters (0.98-1.77 inches) in diameter--were common.

Seven shrimp-trawling stations were occupied with a 50-foot flat trawl with 6-foot chain doors. Only small catches of white shrimp (Penaeus setiferus) resulted.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, January 1964 p. 29.

# South Carolina

FISHERIES BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

PROGRESS, JULY-DECEMBER 1963:

A report on the progress of biological research by the Bears Bluff Laboratories,
Wadmalaw Island, S. C., for July-December 1963, follows:

Oyster Studies: Experiments were continued during the last half of 1963 to test the effectiveness of supplemental feeding of oysters. Experiments were again carried out in

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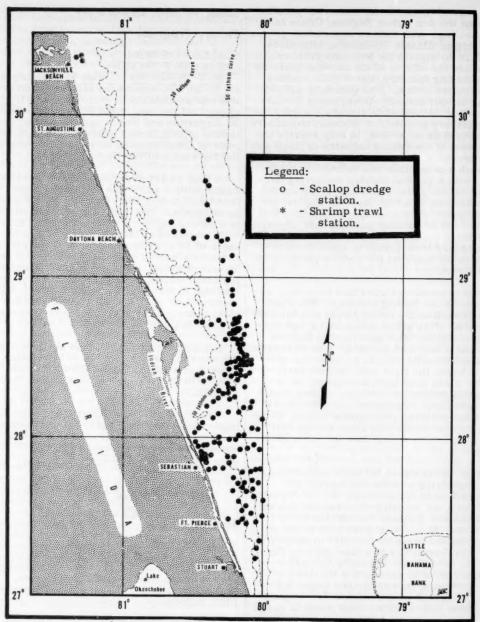
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Area investigated off Florida during Cruise 51 of the M/V Silver Bay.

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three 12 x 12 foot concrete tanks. The overflow in the tanks was arranged so that each tank held approximately 1,350 gallons of water. Approximately 100 oysters were used in each experiment. Each feeding experiment lasted 30 days. Individual oysters used for controls in one experiment were fed in the second experiment. In some experiments the situation was reversed and oysters which had been fed during one month were used as controls during the second month. In all experiments those oysters which were fed with various forms of carbohydrates increased in weight over the control experiments. In broad generalities, the gain in weight of the fed oysters was usually three times that of the controls. Further work will continue on the supplemental feeding of oysters.

Shrimp Studies: Brown shrimp were slightly more numerous at regular survey stations during the last half of 1963 than in that period of 1962. White shrimp, however, were almost five times less plentiful at regular survey stations from July through December of 1963 as during that time in 1962. Of the major kinds of commercial fish and shellfish sampled by experimental trawling, white shrimp were the only species which showed a marked decline during the last half of 1963 as compared with that period in 1962. The reasons for the decline in the numbers of white shrimp this year are not known, but it is possible that the extremely cold winter of 1962/63 was responsible. White shrimp, considerable numbers of which normally winter-over in coastal sounds and rivers, disappeared from inshore waters during the winter of 1962/63 and very few roe shrimp appeared in the spring of 1963.

Fin Fish: Experimental trawling at regular stations from July through December revealed that croakers were slightly more abundant in inshore waters during that period than during the same period of 1962. The catch for spot was also approximately the same during the two periods, indicating that there has been no major changes in population of those fish during the past two years.

Fish Tagging: Through December 1963, over 300 fish of various species had been tagged with Peterson disc tags and released throughout coastal waters. Only five tags were returned (all by sports fishermen) as of the end of 1963. The principal species tagged were croaker, spot, flounder, pigfish, whiting, sea trout, and black fish. Tags from

two croakers, two pigfish, and one large king whiting were returned. The croakers and pigfish had moved only short distances from the place where they originally were caught and tagged, in spite of the fact that one fish had been free for 85 days before it was caught, The king whiting was caught on hook and line about one month after being tagged and released, approximately 22 miles from where it was originally captured.

This study will continue during 1964 and it is felt that valuable information will be obtained concerning the movements, growth rates, etc., of various species of marine fishes in South Carolina waters.

Blue Crabs: Blue crabs were slightly more abundant in experimental trawling in coastal waters during July through December 1963 as compared with that period of 1962. The average catch per unit of effort for immature crabs at regular survey stations for the July-December period of 1963 was 9.9 crabs, as compared with a catch per unit of effort of 7.5 in 1962. The average catch per unit of effort for adult blue crabs was 15.2 during the 1963 period, whereas in 1962 the average catch per unit of effort was 13.9.

Large female blue crabs were very plentiful in sounds and offshore during November and early December, but the sudden drop in water temperatures in mid-December apparently caused a migration to deeper waters offshore as trawl catches declined markedly at this time.

Pond Cultivation: Two one-acre ponds were harvested in October 1963. One of the ponds, the "fish pond," had been allowed to stock naturally by opening the flood gates on March 11 and allowing postlarval shrimp to "flow" into the pond until it was closed on May 7. The flood gates were reopened again from June 25 to August 30 for further inflowing of postlarval shrimp. The other pond, the "oyster pond," was stocked by hand during May to September with approximately 1,100 shrimp of mixed species. Both ponds were treated with rotenone on May 7 and August 7, 1963 (each pond treated twice), to remove predaceous fishes. Crab pots were used in each pond to remove crabs. As food for the shrimp over 500 pounds of chopped trash fish was put in each pond during June to September.

In 1963 the fish pond yielded 14 pounds of shrimp, heads-on, in  $7\frac{1}{2}$  months. However, in

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1962 the same pond treated in the same manner yielded a harvest of 163 pounds of shrimp, heads-on, in 4 months.

In 1963 the oyster pond, hand-stocked with 1,100 shrimp, gave a harvest of 855 shrimp weighing 43 pounds 6 ounces in  $7\frac{1}{2}$  months. In 1962 the same pond, hand-stocked with 8,164 shrimp, gave a harvest of 15,500 shrimp weighing 238 pounds 14 ounces in 4 months. Obviously in addition to the hand-stocking some shrimp as postlarval or as small juveniles entered the pond naturally when exceptionally high tides forced open the flood gates.

The difference in the yield of the ponds, particularly the fish pond, seems to be a reflection of the scarcity of postlarval shrimp in estuarine waters of South Carolina.

New Research Vessel: On September 7, 1963, the hull of the new research vessel for Bears Bluff Laboratories was launched at Cainhoy, S. C. The boat was designed to fit specifications for estuarine research. She is 58 feet long with a beam of 18 feet and draws only 42 inches of water. After launching, the boat was towed to Wadmalaw Island and a Diesel motor was installed by the staff of the Laboratories. Carpenter work and finishing of cabin, laboratory space, and living quarters is now under way. Trial runs to check the engine were made just before Christmas. The performance of the boat was excellent.



## Sports Fishing

NEW FEDERAL SPORTS FISHING RESEARCH LABORATORY TO BE BUILT ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY:

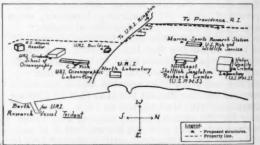
One of the final steps to locate a Federal sports fishing research laboratory in Rhode Island, was taken when the University of Rhode Island President reported on December 16, 1963, that the University and the U. S. Department of the Interior had reached an agreement, allocating a three-acre site of land for the laboratory. The University is processing the deed which will give the Federal Government a parcel of land on its Narragansett Bay Campus, directly to the west of the Northeast Shellfish Sanitation Research Center.

The Narragansett Bay Campus of the University of Rhode Island is well on its way to

becoming one of the world centers for research in the marine sciences, the University's President stated. He added, the location of a third Federal facility in the area will give added impetus to this trend.

He also stated that the area will be of great benefit to the economy of Rhode Island and the nation. Though popularly neglected, there is a growing feeling that research into the sea may hold as great a potential for the future as space science.

The initial Federal investment in the area is expected to exceed \$3.5 million. Counting the staff at the headquarters for the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography, this will result in the employment of over 300 scientists, technicans, and staff people.



Sketch showing the site and where proposed structures for the new Federal sports fishing research laboratory is to be built on the University of Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay Campus.

Shortly after receipt of an allotment for site selection and engineering design, the Chief of the Division of Sports Fisheries of the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife said his Unit wanted to find out what it takes to produce game fish and how they can spawn in large numbers, and get enough food.

In addition, the Division is interested in studying the effects of pollution and pesticides on fish. The Rhode Island facilities would also be used as a base to move up or down the coast to check fish migration.

Previously, the University donated 5.3 acres of land for the \$1,165,000 Northeas: Shellfish Sanitation Research Center, now nearing completion, and 7.2 acres for the proposed \$1,750,000 Water Quality Laboratory. Still another parcel was given to the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission for the \$1

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million nuclear reactor. (Public Information Department, University of Rhode Island, December 13, 1963.)



### Striped Bass

TAG RETURNS SOUGHT FROM LONG ISLAND MARKING PROGRAM:

A total of 579 large striped bass have been tagged along the south shore of Long Island by the New York State Bureau of Marine Fisheries. The fish-ranging in size from 6 to 50 pounds-were marked with red and white plastic disc tags.

The Fish Research Unit of the New York State Bureau of Marine Fisheries late in 1963 had completed a three-year program of tagging striped bass from the surf along the south shore of Long Island (Fire Island), New York. Only fish of six pounds or heavier were tagged in an effort to learn more about the movements and seasonal migration of larger, mature striped bass. Although many thousands of striped bass have been tagged at various times and stations along the Atlantic Coast, very few of the fish have been of considerable size.

Biologists of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, having consolidated and analyzed data from several sources in North Carolina and Chesapeake Bay, concluded that large striped bass which concentrate on the North Carolina coast in winter and in Chesapeake Bay in later winter and spring move northward as far as Massachusetts in spring and summer. It is important to know, from the point of view of striped bass management and utilization, if this great movement is annually cyclic and to learn if fish from the more northern part of this species' extensive range return in the fall as far south as the North Carolina coast and the major southern spawning grounds.

During the past three years almost 4,200 striped bass from the ocean front along Fire Island Beaches were carefully examined and, of those, 579 (about 14 percent) were in the large category. The larger fish--ranging from 6 to 50 pounds--were marked with two red and white plastic, serially numbered Petersen disc tags by fastening the discs on the upper back between the dorsal fins with a stainless steel pin,

For efficient management and utilization, it is important to investigate further the extent and time of striped bass migrations. Cooperation of fishermen is needed to insure the success of the current study. Tags recovered from the striped bass tagged off Long Island should be returned, together with the date and location of capture, to New York State Conservation Department, D-J Fish Research Unit, Oakdale, New York, 11769. A nominal reward of one dollar, as well as information concerning the tagged fish, will be given for each set of red and white discs.



#### **Transportation**

RATE INCREASE SOUGHT BY NEW ENGLAND TRUCKERS:

The New England Motor Carrier Rate Bureau held public hearings on December 18, 1963, on its proposal to increase rates and wages approximately  $8\frac{1}{2}$  percent to cover higher cost of labor and supplies. Over 100 shippers and trade associations voiced strenuous opposition to the proposal.

This proposal is not intended to cover any increases in wages which may result from the current negotiations between the Teamsters Union and the trucking industry for nation-wide wage increases totaling \$200 million a year. It is reported that an official of the Teamsters Union opened the negotiations with a statement that truckers will be required to increase rates 7 percent to cover the cost of increased wages, and should get a 15-percent increase to cover past increases.

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REA EXPRESS FILES TARIFFS TO INCREASE CHARGE:

Tariffs have been filed by REA Express which would increase charges on all express movements by 25 cents per shipment effective January 27, 1964. On February 8, 1962, an increase of 10 cents per shipment was effected by this carrier and a widespread adjustment to fishery rates was made in November 1961.

Any protests by the fishing industry on the proposed increase were to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) before January 17, 1964.

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ALASKA-WASHINGTON

RAIL-BARGE SERVICE EXPANDED:

A West Coast firm announced the launching, on December 11, 1963, of the Kenai, a hydro-train barge, reported as being the largest ocean vessel of that type ever built. The barge is 342 feet long with a capacity of 42 normal length railroad cars. The Kenai is to be used in weekly sailings from Seattle, Wash., to Whittier, Alaska. It will supplement the service provided by the Clair Engle, the original barge link in the all-rail route between Seattle and Whittier.



#### Tuna

RESULTS OF BLUEFIN TAGGING IN ATLANTIC OCEAN BY WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION:

Included in the Cooperative Game Fish Tagging Program of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution is the bluefin tuna in the Atlantic Ocean. The 1963 report on the game fish-tagging program points out that the most important results concern the bluefin tuna. Increasing commercial pressure on that species is shown by the dramatic increase in returns from the northwestern Atlantic fishing area, from Maryland waters to off southern New England. These rose from a total of 6 for the years 1954-1962 combined to 19 for the 1963 season alone. No less than 7 of 29 bluefin marked in the inshore waters of that area last summer have been already recaptured, as have 4 of 29 marked further offshore early in June, about 120 miles southeast of Nantucket. The other 1963 returns were obtained from 4 fish marked in 1962, 3 in 1961, and 1 in 1960. These returns suggest that in the 1963 season a group of bluefin in the 100pound class moved west southwest from off Oceanographer Canyon to coastal waters off Ocean City, Md., then northward and eastward to off Block Island and finally into Massachusetts Bay, while smaller individuals moved from off Montauk eastward toward the Martha's Vineyard grounds and then back to the westward again. Unfortunately these samples are too small to be of conclusive statistical significance.

More tags from all species of game fish tagged by the Institution's cooperative game fish-tagging program were returned in 1963 than in the 8 previous years combined.

Since May 1954, about 1,500 bluefin tuna, 4,350 Atlantic sailfish, 2,350 white marlin, 950 Pacific sailfish, 600 striped marlin, 200 blue and black marlins, 750 greater amberjack, 200 yellowfin tuna, and 875 other fish have been marked—a grand total of nearly 12,000 fish. Returns have been obtained from 32 bluefin tuna, 31 Atlantic sailfish, 3 white marlin, 1 striped marlin, 70 greater amberjack, 2 yellowfin tuna (from only 6 Pacific taggings), 7 striped bass, 5 crevalle jack, 1 bar jack, 3 dolphin, 2 great barracuda, 1 fluke, and 1 sea bass—a total of 159 returns.

Participation by individuals and clubs continues to increase, the Institution reports. Acknowledged is the valuable cooperation from the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in marking fish and also in recovering tags with the necessary data. Assistance in the latter endeavor has also been furnished by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and by the Cape Cod Tuna Corporation, Eastport, Maine, and the Maryland Tuna Corporation, Cambridge, Md. Basic financial support for the program is from the National Science Foundation, supplemented by grants from the Charles W. Brown, Jr. Memorial Foundation, the National Geographic Society, the Sport Fishing Institute, the International Game Fish Association, the Van Camp Foundation, the Associates of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and numerous other organizations and individuals.

Increased tagging of Atlantic bluefin tuna in all possible areas is the Institution's most urgent objective at present. The importance of prompt and accurate reporting of taggings is emphasized. Some very important returns have proved of dubious value due to lack of tagging data.



## U. S. Fishing Vessels

FISHERIES LOANS AND OTHER FINANCIAL AID FOR VESSELS, OCTOBER 1-DECEMBER 31, 1963:

From the beginning of the program in 1956 through December 31, 1963, a total of 1,341 loan applications for \$35,872,047 were received by the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, the agency administering the Federal Fisheries Loan Fund. Of the total, 689 applications (\$15,737,240) have been approved,

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ite er459 (\$11,531,721) have been declined or found ineligible, 157 (\$6,084,422) have been withdrawn by applicants before being processed, and 36 (\$842,733) are pending. Of the applications approved, 273 were approved for amounts less than applied for. The total reduction was \$1,675,931.

The following loans were approved from October 1, 1963, through December 31, 1963:

New England and Middle Atlantic Areas: Bradford Reed, Boothbay Harbor, Maine, \$1,800; Silver Sea, Inc., Boston, Mass., \$25,000; Agatha and Patricia, Inc., Medford, Mass., \$50,000; Dias Fishing Corp., New Bedford, Mass., \$18,296; and Peter Edson Sprague, Narragansett, R. I., \$32,000.

California Area: Michael F. Schroeder, Aptos, \$5,365; Dean Holder, Crescent City, \$6,000; and Donald E. Dodson, Santa Cruz, \$20,000.

Pacific Northwest Area: Frank A. Taylor, Newport, Oregon, \$3,000.

Alaska Area: Fred L. Birch, Auke Bay, \$3,472; Albert Lauth, Craig, \$2,600; and Walter R, and Leota Farmer, Valdez, \$6,000.

Under the Fishing Vessel Mortgage Insurance Program (also administered by the Bureau) during the last quarter of 1963, 6 applications for \$330,162 were received and 1 application for \$36,412 was approved. Since the program began (July 5, 1960), 36 applications were received for \$3,889,129. Of the total, 28 applications were approved for \$2,359,046 and 8 applications for \$1,503,750 were pending as of December 31, 1963, Since the mortgage program began, applications received and approved by area are:

New England Area: Received 10 (\$1,025,365), approved 8 (\$775,365);

California: Received and approved 1 (\$557,000):

South Atlantic and Gulf Area: Received 18 (\$780,468), approved 12 (\$437,164);

Pacific Northwest: Received 6 (\$1,486,296), approved 4 (\$507,546);

Alaska: Received 1 (\$40,000). Not yet approved.

No applications for the Fishing Vessel Construction Differential Subsidy were received from July through December 31, 1963, as the authority to accept applications expired on June 12, 1963. Since the beginning of that program on June 12, 1960, 13 applications were received for \$1,101,770, of which 6 applications were approved for \$546,103, and 7 applications for \$555,667 were pending.

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# DOCUMENTATIONS ISSUED AND CANCELLED:

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New England	1	2	21	27	21
Middle Atlantic	1	-	17	2	1
Chesapeake		6	60	41	4
South Atlantic	6	6	71	46	4
Gulf		12	229	106	11
Pacific		5	152	127	13
Great Lakes	1	1	5	5	
Puerto Rico	-	2	2	.2	
Total	37	34	557	356	36
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New England	2	1	43	20	2
Middle Atlantic	2	1	44	34	3
Chesapeake	4	1	23	23	2
South Atlantic	2	3	49	38	3
Gulf		3	111	98	10
Pacific		11	82	103	11
Great Lakes	1	3	14	21	2
Hawaii	-	-	3	3	
Puerto Rico		-	-	1	
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40-49												1	2
50-59												-	2
60-69												3	
70-79												12	
80-89												1	3
290-299												1	-
450-459	9											1	-
Tot	al	1	_							_	1	37	29

1/Includes both commercial and sport fishing craft. A vessel is defined as a craft of 5 net tons and over.

2/Includes 2 redocumented vessels in November 1963 previously removed from recover. Vessels issued first documents as fishing craft were built: 27 in 1963; 1 in 1965, and 9 prior to 1951.
3/Includes vessels reported lost, abandoned, florfeited, sold alien, etc.

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compared with 34 in November 1962. There were 29 documents cancelled for fishing vessels in November 1963 as compared with 23 in November 1962.

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October 1963: During October 1963, a total of 36 vessels of 5 net tons and over was issued first documents as fishing craft, as compared with 25 in October 1962. There were 28 documents cancelled for fishing vessels in October 1963 as compared with 30 in October 1962.

Table 1 - U. S. Fishing Vessels 1/-- Documentations Issued and Cancelled, by Areas, October 1963 with Comparison

Area		ct.		Oct.	
(Home Port)	1963	1962	1963	1962	1962
		(1	Numbe	r)	
Issued first documents 2/: New England	2	1	20	25	28
Middle Atlantic		-	16	2	3
Chesapeake	9	6	54	35	43
South Atlantic	6	3	65	40	47
Gulf		7	209	94	110
Pacific		7	150	122	130
Great Lakes		1	4 2	4	5
Puerto Rico	-	-	2	-	2
Total	36	25	520	322	368
Removed from documentation 3/:					
New England	3	-	41	19	24
Middle Atlantic	-	2	42	33	
Chesapeake	3	3	19	22	23
South Atlantic	2	6	47	35	38
Gulf	13	9	100	95	104
Pacific	7	10	75 13	92	111
Great Lakes		-	13	18	3
Hawaii		-	- "	1	1
Total	+	30	340	318	365

Table 2 - U. S. Fishing Vessels -- Documents Issued and

Gross 7	CC	n	n	aį	ge							Issued2/	Cancelled 3/
												(N	lumber)
5-9.												11	7
10-19												6	13
20-29												2	5
30-39												-	1
40-49												1	1
60-69												5	
70-79												5	1
80-89							-					1	
100-109	)											1	
140-148	)											2	-
160-169	)											1	
240-248	)											1	
Tota	n.l	П										36	28

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### U. S. Foreign Trade

IMPORTS OF CANNED TUNA UNDER QUOTA:

United States imports of tuna canned in brine during January 1-November 30, 1963, amounted to 48,238,342 pounds (about 2,297,064 std. cases), according to data compiled by the Bureau of Customs. This was 6.9 percent less than the 51,796,996 pounds (about 2,466,524 std. cases) imported during January 1-December 1, 1962.

The quantity of tuna canned in brine which could be imported into the United States during the calendar year 1963 at the 121-percent rate of duty was limited to 63,130,642 pounds (or about 3,006,221 std. cases of 48 7-oz. cans). Any imports in excess of the quota were dutiable at 25 percent ad valorem.

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#### IMPORTS OF FISH MEAL AND SCRAP BY CUSTOMS DISTRICTS, OCTOBER 1963:

U. S. imports of fish meal and scrap in October 1963 to-taled 31,449 short tons, a decline of 9.3 percent from the 34,666 tons imported in the previous month, but a sharp increase from the 12,732 tons imported in October 1962.

About 87.9 percent of the fish meal and scrap imports in October 1963 entered through the Customs Districts of Maryland, Georgia, Mobile (Ala.), Galveston (Tex.), Los Angeles (Calif.), San Francisco (Calif.), and Washington.

U. S. Imports of Fish Meal and Scrap by Customs Districts,

Customs Districts	October 1963
	Short Tons
Maine and New Hampshire	120
Maryland	6,338
North Carolina	1,378
Georgia	4,253
Mobile (Ala.)	4,435
Sabine (Tex.)	1.114
Galveston (Tex.)	2,989
Los Angeles (Calif.)	2,639
San Francisco (Calif.)	4,063
Washington	2,943
Dakota	195
Duluth (Minn.) and Superior (Wis.)	456
Michigan	397
Other Customs Districts	1/129
Total	31,449

/Includes 30 tom of fish meal classified as fertillier.

Out: A list of the entry ports included within each Customs District is given in Schedule D. Code Classification of United States Customs Districts and Forts, which may be obtained free from a foreign Trade Division, Sureau of the Cessus, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. 2023.

\* \* \* \* \* TRENDS IN UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS BY COUNTRY, 1962:

In 1962, the annual value of United States exports in-creased slightly over 1961. The value of fishery products exported during 1962 was \$35,728,000, up 3 percent from the previous year.

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Table 1 - Value of United States Exports of Fishery Products, 1953-1962

Year											Edible	Inedible	Total
				ī		-	_					(US\$1,000)	
1962											22,470	13,258	35,728
1961											19,594	15,116	34,710
1960				į.							25,622	18,543	44,165
1959											26,747	17,495	44,242
1958											19,440	11,564	31,004
1957											20,549	15,403	35,952
1956	-									Ĺ	22,939	16,564	39,503
1955	i		-			Ī					24,923	15,054	39,977
1954							Ĭ	Ī			16,238	15,289	31,527
1953		·			ì	·			i		17,084	10,794	27,878

Trend by Countries: During 1962, U.S. fishery products were exported to 103 countries. Of total exports, 63 percent was shipped to five countries: Canada, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Switzerland, and West Germany (table 2).

Table 2 - United States Exports of Fishery Products by Selected Countries of Destination, 1958-62

Country	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
		(	US\$1,000	)	
Canada	8,846	10,265	10,309	8,644	9,200
United Kingdom .	8,249	4,554	8,460	8,928	5,785
Netherlands	2,273	2,385	4,350	4,352	2,007
Switzerland	1,712	738	1,082	762	387
West Germany	1,467	1,555	2,201	2,888	3,043
Sweden	1,076	1,665	2,613	3,176	681
France	1,073	1,007	1,048	766	68
Japan	939	2,984	3,295	928	501
Italy	869	423	643	303	158
Belgium and					
Luxembourg	547	351	537	746	948
Greece	487	364	313	306	136
Norway	403	2,390	1,390	1,296	1,063
Hong Kong	383	368	269	229	127
Mexico	375	459	616	663	393
Philippines	320	582	2,494	5,587	2,578
Venezuela	274	360	461	614	641
Cuba	243	-	175	787	490
Australia	198	458	444	157	31
Ecuador	171	82	293	193	236
Other,	5,823	3,720	3,172	2,917	2,53
Total	35,728	34.710	44.165	44,242	31,004

CANADA: Canada has been the principal market for United States fishery products. In 1962, Canada took products valued at \$8,846,000 or about 25 percent of the total U.S. exports of fishery products. Fresh or frozen fish and shellfish made up most of the U.S. exports of fishery products to Canada. Some of the important commodities exported to Canada were:

	1962	1961
Shrimp, fresh or frozen	\$2,081,000	\$ 1,675,000
Shrimp, canned	1,462,000	1,570,000
Seal furs	1,024,000	1,777,000
Fish, fresh or frozen	766,000	891,000
edible	703,000	703,000
Shellfish, fresh or frozen	1,874,000	2,928,000
Other,	936,000	722,000
Total	\$8,846,000	\$10,266,000

UNITED KINGDOM: In 1962, exports to the United Kingdom rose to the 1959 and 1960 level of \$8,000,000, an

81-percent increase over 1961. Sharp increases in the major commodities accounted for this rise as fish oil alone more than doubled in value. Major fishery commodities exported to the United Kingdom were:

	1962	1961
Salmon, canned	\$5,622,000 1,511,000 682,000 138,000 296,000	\$3,056,000 568,000 557,000 141,000 232,000
Total	\$8,249,000	\$4,554,000

OTHER COUNTRIES: Exports to Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, and West Germany consisted mainly of fish oils. Switzerland took largely seal furs. Principal products exported to Japan were frozen shrimp and unmanufactured shells. France received significant amounts of frozen salmon and canned and frozen shellfish.

Trend by Areas: During 1962, Europe remained the principal destination for fishery products exported from the United States (table 3). Products valued at \$18,800,000 or 53 percent of total exports went to Europe. North America was second with \$10,856,000 or 30 percent.

Table 3 - United States Exports of Fishery Products by

Area of Des	tination, 1	962	
Area	Edible	Inedible	Total
	1	.(US\$1,000)	
North America	8,104	2,752	10,856
Asia	2,234	1,385	3,619
Europe	9,957	8,843	18,800
South America	572	135	707
Africa	1,220	97	1,317
Oceania	383	46	429
Total	22,470	13,258	35,728

Trend by Commodities: Canned salmon was the principal dollar earner among U.S. fishery exports. Fish oil was second in importance. Exports of seal furs showed some gain with Canada and Switzerland taking 65 percent of the total.

Commodity	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
		(	US\$1,000		
Fish oils	6,047	8,908	10,688	11,902	7,761
Seal furs	3,851	3,097	3,309	2,580	1,511
Shells, unmanufac-			0 000	077	624
tured	1,285	1,380	2,636	977	629
Miscellaneous fish					
(mostly fresh-					
water), fresh or	1.135	809	947	622	1.036
frozen Oysters, shucked		448	497	575	567
	311	440	401	313	301
Salmon:	0770	047	1 077	659	476
Fresh	872	647	1,677	372	357
Cured	528	593			
Canned.	7,292	5,580		10,639	6,669
Mackerel, canned	671	581	211	135	333
Miscellaneous fish					
(mostly California					
anchovies), canned	460	391	355	326	496
Sardines, canned					
not in oil,	1,285	1,336	3,443	5,843	3,231
Shrimp:					
Fresh or frozen	3,299	3,694	2,303	1,682	1,463
Canned	2,572	2,487	3,383	2,898	2,548
Squid, canned	729	353	691	906	501

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## TRENDS IN UNITED STATES FISHERY IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY 1962:

The value of annual imports of fishery products entering the United States increased to a new high in 1962. In that year, 113 countries shared in the United States market for fishery products. The value of fishery products imported was \$475,248,000--19.7 percent over the 1961 value. The imports of edible fishery products amounted to \$400,882,000; inedible \$74,366,00.

Trend by Countries: Canada, Japan, and Mexico continued to be the leading suppliers of fishery products to the United States (table 1). These countries accounted for 58 percent of the value of fishery imports. Canada provided 24 percent of the total, Japan 22 percent, and Mexico 11 percent, Peru, South Africa Republic, Norway, Australia, and Iceland were the next leading suppliers with imports ranging from \$11,000,000 to \$24,000,000. Imports from Brazil, El Salvador, Educador, Panama, Portugal, India, and Denmark, each were valued over \$5,000,000.

CANADA: Canada, with fishery products valued at \$116,168,000, continued to be the principal supplier of fishery products to the United States. The value of fishery imports increased 7.5 percent over 1961. Leading commodities were as follows:

	1962	1961
Fresh or frozen:		
Lobster	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 14,570,000
Fresh-water fish	11,737,000	12,173,000
Fish blocks	15,162,000	14,294,000
Groundfish fillets	12,526,000	11,581,000
Salmon	5,298,000	5,860,000
Halibut	7,791,000	6,133,000
Flounder fillets	5,422,000	5,210,000
Fresh-water fillets	2,187,000	5,404,000
Scallops	4,810,000	3,322,000
Other fresh or frozen	7,310,000	5,110,000
Canned lobster	5,507,000	4,682,000
Fish meal and scrap	5,193,000	3,544,000
Cod, haddock, etc., pickled		-
or salted,	6,698,000	7,420,000
Other fishery products	11,527,000	8,732,000
Total	\$116,168,000	\$108,035,000

JAPAN: The value of fishery imports from Japan was \$105,246,000, an increase of 19 percent over 1961. Tuna and pearls remained the leading commodities. U.S. imports of fishery products from Japan were as follows:

	1962	1961
Fresh or frozen:		
Albacore	\$ 9,759,000	\$ 8,544,000
Albacore loins and discs	669,000	1,127,000
Other tuna	16,025,000	9,462,000
Other loins and discs	3,118,000	1,626,000
Shrimp	2,740,000	1,201,000
Swordfish	6,232,000	6,391,000
Fresh-water trout	747,000	776,000
Frog legs	1,362,000	740,000
Canned:		
Light meat tuna in brine	12,053,000	11,269,000
White meat tuna in brine	7,912,000	7,487,000
Salmon	2,238,000	2,667,000
Crab meat	4,635,000	5,756,000
Clams	809,000	972,000
Pearls, cultivated	17,934,000	16,136,000
Other	19,013,000	14,107,000
Total	\$105,246,000	\$88,261,000

MEXICO: Mexico ranked third as a supplier of fishery products to the United States. Shrimp was the principal commodity. Mexico furnished 51 percent of the total value of all U.S. shrimp imports. The value of imports from Mexico is:

				_				1962	1961
Shrimp. Other								\$46,700,000 6,827,000	\$40,094,000 5,672,000
Total								\$53,527,000	\$45,766,000

OTHER COUNTRIES: Other leading suppliers of fishery products to the United States market are listed below showing the principal product shipped and the value of U.S. imports of that product:

South Africa Republic - Rock lobster tails	\$14,277,000
Peru - Fish meal	16,828,000
Australia - Lobster, frozen	13,867,000
Panama - Shrimp	7,787,000
Norway - Sardines in oil, not skinned	7,625,000
El Salvador - Shrimp	4,982,000
Brazil - Rock lobster tails	4,538,000
Ecuador - Shrimp	1,823,000
Portugal - Sardines in oil, skinned	3,001,000

Area of Origin: During 1962, North American countries continued to be the principal source of supply for fishery products imported into the United States (table 2).

Products valued at \$192,624,000 or 41 percent of total fishery imports came from North American sources, Imports from Asian countries were second, Europe third,

Table 1 - Value of United States Imports of Fishery Products (Edible and Inedible) by Selected Countries of Origin, 1962 1/

Country	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
		(	US\$1,000	0)	
Canada	116,168	108,035	102,877	101,967	107,005
Japan	105,246	88,263	85,256		84,872
Mexico	53,527		36,705		28,005
Peru	24,819	16,729	14,270	16,374	10,907
So. Afr. Rep	19,688	14,468		12,090	9,332
Norway	18,937	15,101	12,506	16,405	12,087
Australia	14,884	10,856	9,839	8,180	7,665
Iceland	11,602	11,528	9,306	10,000	8,775
Repub. of Pan	7,884	6,707	5,767	6,458	5,852
Brazil	6,825	5,074	3,916	3,002	2,359
Denmark	6,553	5,246		8,239	
Ecuador	6,443	4,619	4,467	4,159	3,510
Portugal	5,983	6,525	5,289	5,452	5,177
India	5,638	2,777	2,363	2,239	1,547
El Salvador	5,100	5.510			660
W. Germany	4,499		4,100		1,805
Netherlands	2,997				1,509
France	2,457	2,087		2,230	1,169
United Kingdom .	2,520				1,787
Chile	2,155				2,007
Angola	554				2,065
Cuba	98	1,793	3,901	4,810	5,542
Other	50,671	35,180		23,368	
Total	475 249	397,058	260 065	966 500	

## Table 2 - Value of United States Imports of Fishery Products, by Area of Origin, 1962 1/

Area	Edible	Inedible	Total	
	(US\$1,000)			
North America	184,885	7,739	192,624	
South America	30,493	23,114	53,607	
Europe	51,177	10,504	61,681	
Asia	89,551	29,979	119,530	
Oceania	20,727	480	21,207	
Africa	24,049	2,550	26,599	
Total	400,882	74,366	475,248	

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Commodity	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
			(US\$1,00	00)	
dible Products:			1		
Fresh or frozen:	01 000	00 500	FC 400	50 000	
Shrimp	91,898 45,715	68,538 30,228	56,406	52,306	43,162
Tuna	45,715	30,228	31,713	29,728	25,377
lets and blocks	46,937	42,595	33,265	38,759	30,431
Lobster	57,182	49,039			35,661
Other	71,822	63,547	61,845		63,243
Total fresh or					
frozen	313,554	253,947	227,997	220,368	197,874
Canned:					
Tuna	22,884	22,175	19,142	21,688	16,882
Salmon	3,435	3,545	7,541		11,271
Sardines	16,291	12,543	9,115		
Crab meat	4,701	5,780	5,514		
Lobster	5,811	4,779	5,239	6,441	
Other	18,878	17,530	16,067	17,083	15,561
Total canned .	72,000	66,352	62,618	72,659	62,346
ther edible prod-		1.55			
ucts	15,328	15,458	16,765	18,006	19,992
nedible products:					
Fish meal	24,298	16,740	11,068	15,884	11,335
Pearls	18,935	16,925	14,563	13,678	10,944
Other	31,133	27,636	27,054	25,905	24.680
Total inedible .	74,366	61,301	52,685	55,467	46,959

<u>Duties Collected</u>: Duties collected on imports of fishery products into the United States during 1962 were \$17,910,000 or 6 percent higher than in 1961. Duties collected (with the average ad valorem equivalent) for the years 1958-62 are listed below:

Year	Duties Collected	Average Ad valorem Equivalent (Percent)		
1962	\$17,910,000	3.8		
1961	16,904,000	4,3		
1960	15,837,000	4.4		
1959	17,737,000	4.8		
1958	16,645,000	5.1		



### Wholesale Prices

# EDIBLE FISH AND SHELLFISH, DECEMBER 1963:

The December 1963 wholesale price index for edible fish and shellfish (fresh, frozen, and canned) rose 1.3 percent from the previous month as a result of higher prices for most fishery products. Compared with December 1962, the index in December 1963 at 107.5 percent of the 1957-59 average was lower by 11.1 percent. Prices during the same month a year earlier were substantially higher for nearly all items in the index.

The drawn, dressed, or whole finfish subgroup index dropped 2.2 percent from November to December 1963 and



was down 14.0 percent from December 1962. Prices at New York this December were lower for frozen dressed king salmon (down 4.8 percent) and frozen western dressed halibut (down about 1.0 percent). A sharp drop in prices for fresh Lake Superior whitefish (down 26.8 percent) at Chicago was partly offset by higher prices for Great Lakes round yellow pike at New York and an increase in prices for ex-vessel large haddock (up 6.7 percent) at Boston because of lighter landings. Compared with December 1962, wholesale prices in December 1963 were lower for all products in the subgroup—halibut (down 24.4 percent), king salmon (down 12.7 percent), fresh large haddock (down 7.5 percent), and Lake Superior whitefish (down 40.6 percent).

Higher prices in December 1963 for South Atlantic fresh shrimp (up 12.4 percent) at New York City and for fresh haddock fillets (up 5.3 percent) at Boston were responsible for a 4.0-percent increase from the previous month in the subgroup index for processed fresh fish and shellfish. December prices for standard shucked oysters at Norfolk were down 3.2 percent from the previous month as production got into full swing. Compared with December 1962, fresh shrimp prices in December 1963 were down 22.4 percent. Prices for other items in the subgroup also were lower than a year earlier bringing the December 1963 subgroup index down by 13.2 percent.

Higher prices in December 1963 for all processed frozen fish and shellfish products caused a 2,7-percent increase from the previous month in the subgroup index. A rising trend in frozen shrimp prices (wholesale price up 2 cents a pound at Chicago) was indicated in December 1963 although those prices were still sharply lower (down 24.8 percent) than a year earlier. Prices for small haddock fillets and ocean perch fillets also rose from November to December because of seasonally light landings. The December 1963 subgroup index was down 13.0 percent from the same month a year earlier mainly because of lower frozen shrimp prices and a slight drop in prices for flounder fillets.

Prices for canned fish products were generally higher in December 1963 as a result of low end-of-the-year stocks and the subgroup index rose 1.3 percent from the previous month. As compared with December 1962, prices in December 1963 were lower for all canned fish and the subgroup index was down by 6.3 percent.

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Group, Subgroup, and Item Specification	Point of Pricing	Unit	Avg. Pi			Inde (1957-6		
			Dec. 1963	Nov. 1963	Dec. 1963	Nov. 1963	Oct. 1963	Dec.
ALL HSH & SHELLFISH (Fresh, Prozen, & Canned) .					107.5	106.1	106.8	120,
Fresh & Frozen Fishery Products:					110,5	109.0	110.0	127.
Drawn, Dressed, or Whole Finnsh					114.4	117.0	121,6	133.
Haddock, lge, offshore, drawn, fresh	. Boston	Ib.	1/1	.16	133.0	124.7	104.0	143,
Halibut, West, 20/80 lbs., drsd., fresh or froz.	. New York	1b.	<b>"33</b>	.33	96.1	97.1	129,9	127
Salmon, king, lge, & med., drsd., fresh or froz.	. New York	Ib.	.85	.89	118.0	124.0	132.7	135.
Whitefish, L. Superior, drawn, fresh	. Chicago	1b.	41	.56	61.2	83.6	78.3	103.
Yellow pike, L. Michigan & Huron, rnd., fresh .	. New York	1b.	.51	.46	83.5	75.3	83.5	88.
Processed, Fresh (Fish & Shellfish):					111.5	107.2	106.6	128
	Boston	1b.	.57	-54	138.0	131.1	114.1	139.
	. New York	1b.	.82	.73	95.5	85.0	87.9	123
	. Norfolk	gal.	7,50	7.75	126.5	130.7	128.6	132
Processed, Frozen (Fish & Shellfish):					101.3	98,6	97.5	116.
Fillets: Flounder, skinless, 1-lb, pkg.	Boston	Ib.	.39	.39	98,9	98.9	100.1	100.
Haddock, sml., skins on, 1-lb, pkg.	Boston	lb.	.40	.38	115.8	111.4	114.3	107.
Ocean perch, ige., skins on 1-ib. pkg.	Boston	1b.	.35	.34	121.0	119.2	118.4	117
Shrimp, lge, (26-30 count), brown, 5-lb, pkg.	. Chicago	Ib.	.78	.76	91.9	89.5	86.0	122
Canned Fishery Products					102.5	101.2	101.7	109.
Salmon, pink, No. 1 tall (16 oz.), 48 cans/cs	Seattle	cs.	23,50	23,25	102.4	101.3	102.4	111,
Tuna, lt. meat, chunk, No. 1/2 tuna (6-1/2 oz.), 48 cans/cs.	Los Angeles	cs.	11,06	10.88	98.2	96,6	96,6	104
Mackerel, jack, Calif., No. 1 tall (15 oz.).								
48 cans/cs. Sardines, Maine, keyless oil, 1/4 drawn	. Los Angeles	cs.	5.75	5.75	97.5	97.5	97.5	2/100.
(3-3/4 oz.), 100 cans/cs.	. New York	CS.	8,96	8,84	114,9	113,3	113,3	119,
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#### DDT RESISTANCE SEEN IN MINNOW-LIKE FISH

Mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis), a top-feeding minnow found in the southern United States and other warm climates, is believed to be the first fish to demonstrate an apparent resistance to DDT. Mosquitofish are valuable in the destruction of mosquito larvae because of their surface feeding habits.

Three Mississippi scientists reported that mosquitofish from waters near cotton fields that had been long treated with chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides showed a marked resistance to DDT compared with fish from areas where insecticides had not previously been used. They tested 1,175 fish.

In the past mosquitofish usually died within a few hours after exposure to DDT. Among vertebrates, fish are notable for their susceptibility to pesticides, although resistance among insects is quite common, and two species of frogs have been found resistant.

Scientists from Mississippi State University, said "one could easily imagine that a genetically resistant population (of mosquitofish) might result from periodic applications of insecticide." (Science News Letter, 83:73, February 2, 1963.)



## International

EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONFERENCE

#### MEETING OPENS IN LONDON:

The European Fisheries Conference met in London December 3-6, 1963, and then adjourned until January 8, 1964. The British Government had invited 16 nations to the con-

ference, including the member countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and the European Economic Community (EEC) as well as Iceland, the Irish Republic, and Spain. The following state-



ment was issued after adjournment of the December talks:

"At the invitation of Her Majesty's Government, a conference met in London from the third to the sixth of December to discuss the solution on a European basis of certain fisheries problems.

"The conference discussed the following agenda: (1) freedom of fishing and access to fishing grounds, (2) access to markets, (3) fisheries policing, and (4) miscellaneous.

"Particular attention was given to the possibility of reaching agreed arrangements on access to fishing grounds. The desirability of establishing the conditions for liberal trade policies for fish was emphasized. The conference recognized the importance of effective conservation measures in the common interest. There was general agreement on the need for devising a modern code governing the conduct of fishing operations to bring up to date on a wider basis the provisions of the North Sea Fisheries Convention of 1882.

"On access to fishing grounds, proposals for defining the regime that might govern extensions of fishery jurisdiction were put forward by certain delegations. In order to give time for further study of these proposals and of other proposals made under other items of the agenda, the conference adjourned on Friday, December 6, until the 8th of January, 1964, when it will continue its discussions with the same agenda."

(Editor's Note: The British Government issued the invitation for the European Fisheries Conference in the spring of 1963 at the same time that it announced its intention to withdraw from certain international fishery agreements which limited its freedom of action regarding the extension of fishing limits.)

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, July 1963 p. 95.

FISH MEAL

#### PRODUCTION, AUGUST-OCTOBER 1963:

World fish meal production in August-October 1963 totaled 470,192 metric tons (163,310 tons in August, 152,775

	Aug.	-Oct.	Jan Oct.		
Country	1963	1962	1963	1962	
		(Metri	c Tons)		
Canada	21,338	15,639	64,583	64,832	
Denmark	28,229	34,218	87,170	84,788	
France	3,300	3,300	11,000	11,000	
German Federal 1 ap	19,211	18,681	63,792	61,998	
Netherlands	1/	1,400	2/ 1,900	4,300	
Spain	6,153	5,896	17,022	21,72	
Sweden	1,843		5,174	3,758	
United Kingdom	17,617	17,261	63,716	62,190	
United States,	75,822	94,097	192,020	255,044	
Angola	6,854	9,108	21,394	24,666	
celand	32,383	41,338	78,267	92,762	
Norway	40,164	40,061	109,907	107,239	
Peru	162,690	209,480	903,437	819,638	
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tons in September, and 154,107 tons in October), according to preliminary data from the International Association of Fish Meal Manufacturers. Production in August-October 1963 was down 8.2 percent from that in the same period of 1982. The decline was due mainly to small output in Peru, the United States, Iceland, and Denmark, which was only partly offset by greater production in South Africa and Canada.

Most of the principal countries producing fish meal submit data to the Association monthly (see table).

World fish meal production during the first 10 months of 1963 was only about 2.1 percent greater than in the same period of the previous year. Production in 1963 was boosted by heavier landings of anchoveta in Peru and industrial fish in South Africa, but there was a sharp decline in production in the United States.

Peru accounted for 48.8 percent of total fish meal production during January-October 1963, followed by South Africa with 12.6 percent and the United States with 10.3 percent.

#### FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION:

## FISHERY PRODUCTS IN THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM:

The United Nations (UN) and its specialized agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), have a joint World Food Program for the mult lateral use and distribution of surpl..s foods. The initial experimental three-year program approved by the FAO Conference in November 1961, and shortly thereafter by the United Nations, has aimed at creating a fund of \$100 million in commodities, services, and cash contributed by member governments of the UN and FAO. An Intergovernmental Committee of 20 nations has been eatablished to provide guidance on policy, administration, and operations. The Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee was held in Rome, November 4-9, 1963.

As of October 31, 1963, donor countries had pledged about \$90 million in commodities, services, and cash to the World Food Program. Commodities committed or earmarked for delivery to recipient countries totaled \$27,330,000.

Fishery products have become an important part of the World Food Program. Of the commodities committed or earmarked for delivery so far, fishery products are the third most important category exceeded only by cereal and cereal products and dairy products. As of October 31, 1963, about 4,185 metric tons of canned and dried fish had been either earmarked or delivered (see table); those products were valued at \$1,935,000. The donor countries for dried fish have been Canada, Norway, the Federal Republic of Germany, India, and Belgium. The principal donor countries for canned fish have been the Netherlands, Sweden, Canada, and Norway. The fishery products donated have gone to a large number of countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Of the \$90 million so far pledged, the United States has agreed to donate \$40 million in commodities, \$4 million in shipping and services, and \$6 million in cash. Presently, the only United States agricultural products that are being earmarked for delivery are those held by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Authority for disposal of such products comes under Title II of Public Law 480. By an amendment to PL 480, fishery products will be eligible after January 1, 1965, under the provisions of Title I, and they were eligible as of December 16, 1963, under Title IV.

	Earmarkings and Deliverie			
Type of Fish and Donor Country	Quantity	Country of Destination		
	Metric Tons			
Oried fish:	38.0			
Belgium	300.0	Togo Indonesia		
Total	338.0			
Canada	188.0	Br. Guiana		
Canada	465.0	Pakistan		
	63.0	Bolivia		
	310.0	Colombia		
	150.0	Indonesia		
Total	1,176.0			
German Federal Republic	146.0	Tanganyika		
	64.0	Ruanda		
	10.0	Zanzibar		
	5.7 65.0	Chile Korea		
	92.0	Senegal		
Total	382.7			
India	38.0	Korea		
India	200.0	Indonesia		
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	33.0	Ceylon		
Total	306.0			
Norway	400.0	Indonesia		
	50.0	Tanganyiki		
	28.0	Bolivia		
	65.0	Korea		
	70.0 175.0	Tobago Jamaica		
Total	788.0	-		
Total dried fish	2,990,7			
Canned fish:				
Canada	110.0	Br. Guiana		
Tunisia	30.0	Ghana		
Sweden	280.0	Ghana		
	169.0	Iraq		
Total	449.0			
Norway	48.0 60.0	Bolivia Ghana		
Total	108.0			
Netherlands	55,0	Thailand		
	60.0	Tobago		
	29.0	Mauritania		
100	175.0	Jamaica		
	100.0	Indonesia Sarawak		
Total	507.0	Jas andk		
Total	1,204,0			
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Grand total, dried and canned fish	4,194.7			

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TWELFTH SESSION OF THE FAO CONFERENCE:

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations holds a biennial conference to enable its member countries to review past programs, consider and approve the program of work and budget for the coming two years, and to evaluate long-term trends and programs. There are now 106 full member countries of FAO and 6 associate members. The 12th Session of the FAO Conference, held in Rome, Italy, October 31 to December 5, 1963, began with meetings of six technical committees—one each for fisheries, forestry, agriculture, nutrition, economics, and information.

Government fisheries advisers on the United States Delegation to the 12th Session were H. E. Crowther, Deputy Di-

tee were the most productive of any held since the establishment of FAO.

Early in the discussions of the Technical Committee it became evident that a majority of the delegates were deeply concerned with the status of fisheries work in FAO. During the last decade, FAO has undergone reorganizations which have created a large number of divisions from the original five (Economics, Fisheries, Forestry, Nutrition, and Agriculture) that had been established in 1945 and 1946. The Fisheries Division has now become one of six divisions in the Technical Department. Also a Department of Economic and Social Services has been created with four divisions heavily engaged in agricultural work. With such a proliferation of divisions and departments, the Fisheries Division has become far removed from the Director-General's Office and has not received attention commensurate with the



Fishery advisers on the U. S. Delegation to the 12th Session of the FAO Conference. From left, Charles R. Carry, Executive Director, California Fish Canners Association; H. E. Crowther, Deputy Director, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries; and Sidney Shapiro, Chief, Branch of Foreign Fisheries, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

rector, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, and Sidney Shapiro, Chief, Branch of Foreign Fisheries, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. Charles R. Carry, Executive Director, California Fish Canners Association, served as industry adviser on the delegation. W. M. Chapman, Director of the Van Camp Foundation, attended the sessions of the Technical Committee on Fisheries as an observer.

Delegates from about 45 countries participated in the meetings of the Technical Committee on Fisheries. In past FAO Conferences representation at the technical meetings had been good, but many of the delegates had been either local embassy officers of their respective governments or agricultural representatives. The Technical Committee on Fisheries of the 12th Session was composed mainly of experienced fisheries men, and the meetings of the commit-

growing importance of fisheries in supplying high-quality protein to peoples in many parts of the world. Also, FAO's Fisheries Division has been taking a secondary role in international governmental and nongovernmental programs concerned with fishery research and development.

The United States representatives to the Technical Committee on Fisheries presented a statement which highlighted the Fisheries Division's difficulties and expressed the feeling among United States fisheries people that international activities related to the oceans and inland waters were not properly organized in the United Nations family in a manner that would insure maximum effectiveness. Representatives from many other countries strongly supported this statement, and expressed unanimous concern at what they considered was the inadequacy both of staff and funds available

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to the Fisheries Division for dealing with problems within its constitutional rights. The representatives were also concerned with the inadequacy of the Division to assume its responsibility as coordinator of the fishery activities of the many international governmental and nongovernmental bodies that deal with problems related to fisheries, the solution of which is so essential for supplying the world with high-quality protein foods.

The Technical Committee on Fisheries drafted a resolution which was later approved by the full FAO Conference. This resolution has considerable importance for the long-term position of FAO's Fisheries Division, not only with regard to raising its status in FAO but to making it the leading intergovernmental body in encouraging rational harvesting of food from the oceans and inland waters. It is expected that proposals for reorganizing the Fisheries Division will be presented by the Director-General of FAO to the next meeting of the FAO Council, which is scheduled for September 1964 in Rome.

The Technical Committee on Fisheries, and later the FAO Conference, approved the 1964-65 program of work and budget proposed for the Fisheries Division by the Director—General. Included in that budget were four new professional positions (with supporting staff), as follows: (1) A marine fisheries biologist to handle the work of the Advisory Committee on Marine Resources Research and to work on specific matters such as tuna research and methods of determing fish abundance; (2) a fish processing technologist to work on the development of new fishery products; (3) a fish processing technologist to work on UNICEF-related projects; and (4) a fisheries economist to work on an expanded project for the development of protein production.

In addition to the approved budgeted posts, the Technical Committee on Fisheries and the FAO Conference approved strengthening of four additional areas of work: (1) Stock assessment studies and the analysis of catch, fishing effort, and biological statistics on whales, tunas, and other species; (2) development of management practices in the inland fisheries of developing countries; (3) fishing boat design; and (4) regional fisheries work in East Africa. The cost of the additional posts needed to conduct these four areas of work was estimated to be \$143,600 for the coming biennium.

The Conference approved a total FAO budget of \$38,838,300 for 1964-65, and requested that the Director-General make appropriate adjustments within FAO in order to take into account the requests for new posts that were submitted by all the Technical Committees, and approved by the full Conference. The total budget voted by the FAO Conference was an increase of about 25 percent over that approved for 1962-63, The budget allocation for the Fisheries Division (not taking into account the \$143,600 in new positions requested by the Technical Committee) is \$2,224,600 for the biennium 1964-65, or an increase of about 16,5 percent over that approved for the Division during 1962-63.

The FAO Conference also approved the holding during 1964-65 of a number of international meetings, many of interest and importance to the United States fisheries. In the field of fishery biology, the FAO Advisory Committee on Marine Resources Research will hold two meetings during the coming two years, and the Expert Panel for the Facilitation of Tuna Research will hold one meeting. A World Symposium on Fish Culture will also be held during this coming biennium. In the field of fishery technology, the following meetings were approved: A Technical Meeting on Boats Concerning Small Units for Developing Fisheries; a Symposium on the Significance of Fundamental Research in the Successful Utilization of Fish; a Symposium on Improved Fish Handling and Distribution, to be held in conjunction with the forthcoming 11th Session of the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council; and participation in a joint FAO/CCTA Symposium on the Preservation and Distribution of Freshwater Fish in Africa. In the field of fishery economics and statistics, ap-

proval was given to convening in 1965 a World Meeting on Fishery Administration; holding early in 1964 in Australia a Seminar on Fishery Development Planning and Administration for the Indo-Pacific Region; and holding in 1964 a Meeting on Business Decisions in Fishery Industries.

RESOLUTION ON FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT: THE FAO CONFERENCE:

Realizing that the most pressing need in human nutrition is to make available to people in all parts of the world an adequate supply of high-quality protein such as that derived directly from animals;

Noting that whereas there are great difficulties in rapidly increasing supplies of animal protein in many parts of the world, the oceans and inland waters offer exceptional possibilities for meeting this urgent need;

Observing that world fisheries production has doubled within the past decade and that opportunities exist for comparable increases in the next several decades;

Noting the increased attention which, in recent years, has been given to the rational exploitation of the living resources of the oceans and inland waters by national and international governmental and nongovernmental bodies concerned with research, management, and development;

Emphasizing that wasteful duplication in international fishery work can be avoided only if all efforts are properly coordinated:

Recognizing the constitutional responsibility of FAO in this field, and the increasingly important role that the Fisheries Division should play in the rational use of aquatic resources in order to supply food needed for the world;

Realizing the limited attention which the Fisheries Division has been able to give to this responsibility;

Requests that the Director-General prepare, for consideration by the Council and the 13th Session of the Conference, proposals outlining measures which can be taken to assure that FAO, through its Fisheries Division, has in future years the status of being the leading intergovernmental body in encouraging rational harvesting of food from the oceans and inland waters, bearing in mind the dynamic relationship between the living aquatic resources and the environment and also bearing in mind the importance of fisheries in providing needed animal protein;

Also requests that means for carrying out the proposals which are to be outlined by the Director-General take into account resources not only under the Regular Program budget but also from all other possible sources;

Further requests the Council to consider the status of the Fisheries Division in order to determine how the fisheries activities could be given full recognition in the Orbanization and among other international bodies that concern themselves with matters related to fisheries.

GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION

# INTERIM MEETING HELD IN OTTAWA:

Continued progress in the joint Canadian-United States attack on the predatory sea lamprey in the Great Lakes was reported at an interim meeting of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission held in Ottawa, Canada, on December 6, 1963. The Commission is an international body formed eight years ago to find means of protecting and, in the case of some species, rehabilitating the commercial fish stocks of the Great Lakes. 0. 2

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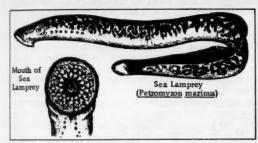
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The sea lamprey, which has played havoc with the once valuable stocks of lake trout and whitefish in many fishing areas of the lakes, is the biggest problem facing the Commission. First priority in the fight against the lamprey was given to Lake Superior, last of the Great Lakes to be invaded by the predator. The lamprey population there was reduced by 80 percent in 1962 through the use of a chemical lampricide, and was kept at about the same level in 1963.



The Commission and its advisers were welcomed by Canada's Deputy Minister of Fisheries of Canada, who said it was gratifying to note that new means of bringing the lamprey under control are being developed. He stated that the research sponsored by the Commission showed promise and had broad value but pointed out that questions regarding long-term economic control of lampreys still remained unanswered.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of Dr. A. L. Pritchard, Director of the Conservation and Development Service of the Department of Fisheries of Canada, heard progress reports from its agents, the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, as well as certain state agencies. Other members of the Commission are D. L. McKernan, vicechairman, who is Director of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries; Claude Ver Duin, of Grand Haven, Mich.; Lester Voight, Director of the Wisconsin Conservation Department; Dr. A. O. Blackhurst, Manager of the Ontario Council of Commercial Fisheries, Port Dover, Ont.; and Dr. J. R. Dymond, Consultant to the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. Representatives of federal, provincial, and state agencies concerned with fisheries management in the Great Lakes and their advisers took part in the discussions.

There are 110 lamprey-producing streams tributary to Lake Superior, 98 of which have been treated with chemicals to kill the young lamprey. The chemical treatments have now been extended to Lake Michigan, and surveys recently completed on Lake Huron have located 90 lamprey-producing streams there. In Lake Michigan, 66 of the 99 lamprey-producing streams have received initial treatment. An interesting development noted at the meeting was the discovery that a molluscacide used to destroy snails in tropical countries could be used to improve the action of the lampricide. Small amounts of that chemical, added to the lampricide now being used, can almost double its effectiveness, and will reduce considerably the cost of treating the remaining Lake Michigan streams, particularly those with high flows.

In addition to reports given on the lamprey control program, the Commission heard reports on the lake trout rehabilitation program from the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota, as well as from the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and Canada's Fisheries Research Board. In Lake Superior, the improvement in the lake trout population is most pronounced in Wisconsin, where there was a marked increase in the numbers of large fish (over 25 inches) and in the numbers of spawning trout. Hatchery fish planted in Wisconsin waters of that lake were found to have survived well. It was reported that hatchery plantings are expected to be the mainstay of the inshore fishery until natural reproduction reaches its former levels. The survival of large mature fish indicates that this will occur and that the natural population will be rehabilitated. There has also been evidence of improved survival of larger and older trout in Canadian waters in Lake Superior, and the over-all improvement appears to be continuing

The Commission and its advisers also discussed the yellow pike (walleye) situation in Lake Erie. After several years of high production in the mid-1950's, the yellow pike population in that lake has declined drastically, although some recent recovery is in evidence for certain year classes. A program is underway to find the causes of the changes in abundance of that species and the means of improving the fishery.

At the December 6 meeting, the Commission received for study, proposed programs of investigations of the Great Lakes fisheries prepared by both Canadian and United States

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fishery scientists concerned with fishing in the Great Lakes.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, January 1963 p. 71.

INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION

NORTH PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHING ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1963:

The 1963 North Pacific halibut fishing season was marked by the failure of fishermen to fullfill catch quotas in both Area 2 and in the newly created Area 3B North Tri-

Areas 1 and 2 in the North Pacific were closed to halibut fishing at 6 p.m. (P.S.T.), November 30, 1963, in accordance with regulations of the International Pacific Halibut Commission. At that time, the catch limit of 28 million pounds in Area 2 had not been attained; no catch limit was provided for Area 1. On October 17, 1963, the Commission announced that a total of 2.4 million pounds of halibut was still needed for attainment of the quota in Area 2. After that announcement, the halibut fleet discarded the 8-day layover period.

Areas 3B North and 3B South (without catch limits) were closed on October 15, 1963. Area 3B North Triangle with a catch limit of 11 million pounds was also closed on October 15, 1963. Although landings from that new area were still slightly below the quota, the total catch was 10,944,000 pounds, of which Canadian fishermen took 4,058,000 pounds, Japanese fishermen took 3,670,000 pounds, and United States fishermen took 3,216,000 pounds. Area 3A was closed on August 9, 1963, with attainment of the catch limit of 34 million pounds.

In 1963, Areas 3B North and 3B North Triangle were opened to halibut fishing on March 25, Area 3B South was opened on April 19, and Areas 1, 2, and 3A were opened on May 9.

The failure of fishermen to attain the catch limit in Area 2 resulted in an extremely long fishing season. In 1963, Area 2 was open to halibut fishing for 205 days, as compared to 122 days in 1962, 120 days in 1961, 91 days in 1960, 68 days in 1959, 59 days in 1958, 47 days in 1957, and 38 days in 1956. Halibut seasons in Area 2 were even shorter before the adoption in 1956 of the "lay-over" pro-

vision requiring fishing vessels to remain in port for a specified rest period after each trip. The fishing season in Area 2 was only 24 days in 1955, 21 days in 1954, and 24 days in 1953.

Preliminary data indicate that the United States and Canadian catch of halibut in the North Pacific in 1963 totaled 70.6 million pounds -- 33.8 million pounds or 48 percent of that total caught by United States fishermen and the balance of 36.8 million pounds or 52 percent of that total by Canadian fishermen, Not included in the total is almost 3.7 million pounds of halibut caught by Japanese fishermen in Area 3B North Triangle. Canadian fishermen in 1963, for the first time since the fishery has been under international control, caught over 50 percent of the total United States-Canadian landings. Since 1936 the Canadian share of the landings has been steadily increasing while the United States share has been declining.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, Sept. 1963 p. 56, Aug. 1963 p. 70, and March 1963 p. 41.

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION

STATEMENT BY U. S. DELEGATION CHAIRMAN AT SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE IN TOKYO:

The second Meeting of the Parties (Canada, Japan, United States) to the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean to consider a revision of the Convention began on September 16, 1963, and came to a close on October 7, 1963. At the closing session, Benjamin A. Smith II, Chairman of the United States Delegation, made this statement:

"We have just concluded 3 weeks of intensive discussions with delegations of Canada and Japan on the future of fisheries treaty arrangements in the North Pacific. The three nations did not reach complete agreement in these talks. In view of the wide differences which remained at the end of the first round of discussions at Washington in June 1963, it would perhaps have been unrealistic to have expected complete agreement at this time.

"Nevertheless, considerable progress has been made in narrowing the differences of view. The delegations are recommending to their respective Governments that a further conference be held next spring, probably at Ottawa. I personally look forward with considerable hope to a resumption of these talks . 2

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and to the prospect of an eventual reconciliation of views among the three nations.

"As President Kennedy stated on September 10, 1963, shortly before my departure for Japan, the United States believes that the abstention principle is sound and reasonable and that without restraints of this nature the nations of the world would run serious risks of depleting fisheries. This was our position at the meeting in Tokyo. At the same time we recognized that certain difficulties had arisen with respect to the present formulation of the principle and to the language of the present treaty. For example, the Japanese people have come to interpret the treaty as an unfair arrangement imposed upon them during the period of military occupation.

"With this in mind, we submitted at the Tokyo conference a new draft treaty. This new draft involves no compromise of the principles on which we stand but does, in my view, constitute a major effort toward enabling the Japanese to accept our position.

"The United States proposal was not completely acceptable to Japan. However, Japan was willing to recognize the special interest of the United States in the salmon and halibut stocks of the eastern North Pacific and on the basis of this recognition was prepared to continue to accept substantial restrictions on its fishing in this area. This constituted a major departure from the rigid position which Japan took at the Washington talks.

"I believe that the discussions have lessened the prospects of a break in the existing relationships in the field of fisheries and that, with further patient consideration of the requirements of each country, the three nations will ultimately reach agreement." (The Department of State <u>Bulletin</u>, November 4, 1963.)

NORWEGIAN-SOVIET SEAL COMMISSION

SIXTH SESSION HELD IN OSLO:

The sixth session of the Norwegian-Soviet Seal Commission met in Oslo November 28-30, 1963, to consider the conservation of seal stocks in the northeastern Atlantic. The Commission, which was presided over by the leader of the Norwegian delegation, was presented with reports on the 1963 seal catch by both Norway and the Soviet Union. The Com-

mission agreed to extend scientific investigations aimed at protecting seal stocks in the northeastern Atlantic and providing for a rational exploitation of seal herds in the area. The seventh session of the Commission will be held in Moscow, either at the end of 1964 or in early 1965. (United States Embassy, Oslo, December 7, 1963.)

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INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION OF JAPANESE "BLACK CURRENT" PLANNED:

An international working conference of oceanographers and biologists (Kuroshio Investigation Planning Meeting) met in Tokyo October 29-31, 1963. The Hawaii Area Director of the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries served as a Member of the United States Delegation, Representative of the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council, and Rapporteur of the sessions. According to the Area Director, the meetings convened at the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for presenting plans and background information for a long-term, multination program of research on the Kuroshio, Japan's famed "Black Current."

The idea of an international cooperative survey of the major "ocean river" of the western Pacific was put forward in a resolution of the International Oceanographic Committee in late 1962, and the Tokyo meeting, held under the auspices of United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Government of Japan and several Japanese scientific organizations, was the first step in implementation of that resolution. The recommendations of the planning meeting will be reported back to the International Oceanographic Committee for its guidance in setting up detailed plans for the oceanographic investigations.

The Kuroshio is one of the main arteries in the circulation of the Pacific Ocean. It moves warm water from the Equator northward past Formosa and Japan and thence eastward across to the American coast, performing functions similar to those of the Gulf Stream in the Atlantic. It deeply affects the climates of northeastern Asia and northwestern America and helps to create, where it mingles with cold Arctic waters, some of the richest fishing grounds in the world. For these reasons its cycles of flow are of concern to many countries, a fact that was evidenced in the attendance of representatives of China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, the Philip-

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pines, the United States, the Soviet Union, and Viet Nam at the Tokyo conference. The meeting was presided over by Japanese meteorologist Kiyoo Wadati, assisted by Claro Martin of the Philippines as vice-chairman.

The consensus of the meeting was that the Kuroshio investigations should cover an area from the Equator to 43 degrees north (roughly the latitude of Hokkaido) and from 160 degrees east longitude to the shores of Asia. Multiship research cruises would be carried out in summer and winter of 1965 and 1966. The results would then be reviewed and plans made for continuing studies of the oceanography and fisheries of the area. It is expected that Japan and the Soviet Union will assign a number of large ocean research ships to the survey. The United States is not yet committed to active participation in the study, although United States marine scientists are interested in the area and the scientific problems which it presents.



#### Aden

NEW FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL:

A new 67-foot fisheries research vessel for the Department of Fisheries, Federation of South Arabia, is under construction in Scotland and scheduled for delivery in mid-1964. The new all-steel vessel, planned for extended operations in the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea, will have a purse-seine design with accommodation and navigating space forward, leaving a large, and open deck aft. Other specifications are beam 19 feet and draft  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet. A 320 horsepower Diesel engine will drive the vessel at 10 knots. It will have a refrigerated hold with a capacity of 35 metric tons.

The new vessel will have navigational and fish-finding equipment such as radar, echosounder, and radiotelephone. The electronic equipment should open up waters previously inaccessible to the Federation's two smaller vessels, the <u>Gulf Explorer</u> and the <u>Federal Star</u>. It will be possible to track and plot the movements of fish both near the surface and at depths up to 500 fathoms.

Fishing gear on the vessel will include a large purse-seine net and a special line haul-

er constructed to handle Japanese-type longlines. The vessel will also be fitted for poleand-line fishing for tuna with live bait.

The cost of the new vessel is being shared by Aden State and the Federation of South Arabia because it is expected to benefit both,

This is the third vessel commissioned by the Federation of South Arabia Fisheries Department in the last 16 years. The other two, both of which will remain in service, have served as both survey and training vessels. Their activities in the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea have added to knowledge of the fisheries potential in those areas, which are now attracting considerable fishing interest. (United States Consulate, Aden, December 14, 1963.)

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, May 1963 p. 56.



#### Argentina .

FISH MEAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATES REVISED:

Predictions made in October 1963 as to Argentina's fish-meal production were considerably overoptimistic. Total production for 1963 is expected to be about 6,800 metric tons, rather than the 20,000 tons previously forecast. This revised estimate is based upon data from the Argentine Bureau of Fisheries for the first nine months of 1963. Production in that period amounted to 4,838 tons-3,947 tons from the ocean catch and 891 tons from the fresh-water catch.

The largest of Argentina's 5 major fishmeal plants began production in March 1963. The new plant is located in Mar del Plata and was originally intended for installation in Deseado in the Patagonian province of Comodora Rivadavia. Its daily capacity is about 20 tons of fish meal, surpassing the 13-ton capacity of another plant in Mar del Plata, which began operations early in 1961. There are 3 other modern fish-meal plants processing ocean fish at Mar del Plata.

As of late 1963, the annual capacity of the industry producing fish meal from the ocean catch was about 9,600 metric tons. The capacity of the industry that processes freshwater fish is about 2,400 tons to make an annual capacity of 12,000 metric tons. Two or three firms are seriously considering new

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plants for processing ocean fish, but whether these projects will be sufficiently advanced to come into production during 1964 is uncertain.

The growth of the Argentine fish-meal industry, however, is expected to continue, financed primarily by the earnings of the local fishing industry. While the uncertainty of business conditions in Argentina may have an immediate inhibiting effect on expansion, trade sources believe that the pace of development will depend primarily on the world market for fish meal, and the complementary growth of markets for Argentine fish. 1963 landings are running 20 percent above the level of the previous year, and 1963 is certain to be a record year (estimated at 120,000-130,000 tons) for the Argentine fishing industry. (United States Embassy, Buenos Aires, November 30, 1963.)



# Brazil

# SPINY LOBSTER LANDINGS AND EXPORT TRENDS:

In 1962, exports by the steadily growing Brazilian spiny lobster industry were up 18.8 percent from 1961 and 73.1 percent from 1960, according to data supplied by the Brazilian Government. (Most of those exports are shipped to the United States in the form of frozen products.)

Brazilian spiny lobster production amounted to 3,048 metric tons in 1961, compared to 2,944 tons in 1960; 1,015 tons in 1959; and 1,100 tons in 1958.

The Superintendencia do Desenvolvimento da Pesca (SUDEPE) was recently established as a governmental coordinating agency for national fisheries development in

the form of vessels, equipment, techniques, and possibly the services of United States fishermen, although not limited to such categories. (United States Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, November 22, 1963.)



# Canada

### SALMON TAGGING PROGRAM IN THE STRAIT OF GEORGIA:

In early December 1963, biologists of the Canadian Department of Fisheries began a 6-week coho and chinook salmon tagging program in the Strait of Georgia area using the commercial purse-seine vessel Naughty Lady. This program represents the second phase of a field study initiated in May 1963, aimed at providing information on the factors governing the coho and chinook salmon production of the area. The tagging study is being conducted to measure, specifically, the movement and exploitation of resident coho and chinook salmon grilse within and away from the Strait of Georgia area.

Tag returns from the first phase of this project were very satisfactory largely because of the excellent cooperation of both sport and commercial fishermen. The success of the current tagging program will also be dependent on the degree of tag recovery obtained, and cooperation is again requested in returning tags to the Canadian Department of Fisheries, 1155 Robson Street West, Vancouver 5, B.C., together with the date, method, and location of recovery.

A nominal reward of 50 cents for each tag is offered. Special postage prepaid tag return envelopes are available at most boat rent-

Brazilian Exports of Spiny Lobsters, by Ports, 1958-1962										
Ports	1962		1961		1960		1959		1958	
Fortaleza	Metric Tons 1,382 688	US\$ 1,000 2,708 1,331	Metric Tons 1,266 475	US\$ 1,000 2,070 793	Metric Tons 711 485	US\$ 1,000 1,041 775	Metric Tons 390 226	US\$ 1,000 430 252	Metric Tons 239 191 3	US\$ 1,000 264 209 3
Total	2,070	4,039	1,741	2,863	1,196	1,816	616	682	433	476

Brazil. The Chief of the Technical Staff of SUDEPE has stated that there are good opportunities for United States investment in the Brazilian spiny lobster industry; however, he stressed that such investment would have to collaborate with Brazilian capital. United States investment, he suggested, might be particularly attractive in

al and boat moorage facilities and fish camps in the area. Tags may also be returned to any Fishery Officer. (Canadian Department of Fisheries, Vancouver, November 29, 1963.)

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# Congo Republic

FRESHWATER FISHERIES PRODUCTION DROPS SHARPLY:

In 1959, the Kivu area of the Congo Republic produced about 37,000 tons of fish from Lakes Tanganyika, Kivu, and Edward, including fish caught by traditional as well as by modern methods. Since that time, the catch has been reduced to a small fraction of the 1959 total, and retail prices have risen to a point where only the most well-to-do citizens can afford to eat fish. Causes of this drop in production are the lack of nets, vessels, and organization. For the modern section of the industry, technicians and nets are needed, as well as some way of getting the vessels and the refrigeration plant back into operation. Solution of those problems could result in a catch of 40,000 tons a year, which would be of considerable value to the Kivu area economy. In addition, the area could not only supply a part of the fish needs of the rest of the Congo, but could also export fish. (United States Consulate, Bukavu, November 6, 1963.)



# German Federal Republic

NEW RESEARCH VESSEL "METEOR II":

The new research vessel Meteor II was launched in Germany during August 1963 under the joint ownership of the German Hydrographic Institute of Hamburg and the German Research Association of Bad Godesbert.

The Meteor II is a 265-foot, Diesel-electric vessel displacing 2,200 tons. Its main engine gives a speed of 14 knots on a single screw, but it also has both an active rudder and a bow propulsion unit, giving extreme maneuverability. Active antirolling tanks were also fitted. The vessel will carry a total complement of 57, including 24 persons in the scientific party. (National Oceanographic Data Center, Newsletter, October 31, 1963.)



# Ghana

FISHERIES TRENDS, THIRD QUARTER 1963:

Programs by Ghana to expand the production of fish, principally by the purchase of large modern fishing craft, received particular attention during the third quarter of 1963. The Government signed an agreement on July 9 with a Norwegian shipbuilding group for the delivery of six fishing trawlers. A LG5.7 million (US\$15,960,000) contract was also signed with a large Japanese shipbuilding company for the construction of 10 stern trawlers and 2 carriers. All of the vessels are to be used by the Government-owned fishing corporation and deliveries are scheduled to start in mid-1964.

The Government fishing corporation took delivery in early August 1963 of two Britishbuilt stern trawler fishing vessels. Those vessels were the first to be delivered to the corporation, which left a total of 36 fishing vessels still on order--18 stern trawlers (6 from Norway, 10 from Japan plus 2 carriers), 8 side trawlers (Soviet Union), and 10 purse seiners (Soviet Union).

A private Ghanaian fishing company has on order 4 fishing trawlers from Japan and Yugoslavia. The 2 Japanese trawlers were to cost £G180,000 (\$504,000) each; the 2 smaller Yugoslavian vessels £G42,000 (\$117,600).

The Ministry of Agriculture has announced plans to increase the production of fish through the development of fisheries in the Volta River and its tributaries. Particular emphasis was to be placed on the development opportunities which would be provided by the creation of the 3,200-square mile Volta Lake after completion of the Akosombo Dam. (United States Embassy, Accra, December 1, 1963.)

FISHERY IMPORTS PLACED UNDER THE CONTROL OF STATE CORPORATIONS:

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The Ghanaian Minister of Trade announced on November 28, 1963, that, effective immediately, all imports of fresh and frozen fish would be handled by the Government-owned Ghana Fishing Corporation. All licenses issued to private firms for the importation of fish and for the charter of foreign fishing vessels were withdrawn. Affected firms, however, were permitted to continue to operate their own vessels. The Minister indicated

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that the new regulations were designed to permit the Ghana Fishing Corporation to exercise complete control over the supply and price of fresh and frozen fish.

The announcement followed a similar declaration on November 13, 1963, that, effective January 1, 1964, the Government-owned Ghana National Trading Corporation would be the sole importer of a number of essential commodities including canned fish. (United States Embassy, Accra, December 1, 1963.)



# Greece

### FISHERIES TRENDS, JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1963:

Greek freezer and refrigerated trawlers operating in the Atlantic delivered 14,352 metric tons of frozen fish during January-September 1963, compared with landings of 11,888 tons during the same period of 1962 and 10,131 tons in the first 9 months of 1961. Contributing to the increased production in January-September 1963 was the expansion of the fleet of large freezer trawlers to 19 vessels; 2 more freezer trawlers were to be added in late 1963 and 6 were scheduled for delivery in 1964. The new vessels could raise the annual productive capacity of the Greek Atlantic fleet to 30,000 tons of frozen fish in 1964. Because of the increased catch, Greek operators are seeking a curtailment of fishery imports:

Greece sponge fishing in Greek, Egyptian, and Libyan waters through 1963 was expected to yield about 20 percent more than the 1962 production of 71 tons. Some Greek divers switched to aqualung devices in 1963 following the Greek Government's approval of SCUBA diving equipment.

Favorable conditions exist for the development of a Greek pearl culture industry, according to a Japanese report issued in October 1963. (Alieia, October 1963, and United States Embassy, Athens, November 22, 1963.)

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, December 1963 p. 63.



### **Iceland**

## ICELANDIC FISHERY LANDINGS BY PRINCIPAL SPECIES, JANUARY-JULY 1963:

Species	Januar	y-July
opecies	1963	1962
	(Metri	ic Tons)
Cod	203, 157	196, 595
Haddock	30,007	23,762
Saithe	8,270	8, 305
Ling	4, 149	5, 491
Wolffish (catfish)	11,921	12,035
Cusk	4,826	4,052
Ocean perch	19,648	3,636
Halibut	695	892
Herring	196,026	244, 231
Shrimp	349	349
Capelin	1,077	-
Other	7,537	6, 865
Total	487,662	506, 213

# ICELAND'S UTILIZATION OF FISHERY LANDINGS, JANUARY-JULY 1963:

How Utilized	Janua	ry-July
TION OLITIZED	1963	1962
7	(Metri	c Tons)
Herring 1/for: Oil and meal	126, 696	183,516
Freezing	20,605	16, 104
Salting	43,982	36, 603
Fresh on ice	5,617	7,718
Fresh on ice	19, 139	16, 331
Freezing and filleting	125, 304	113, 844
Salting	65,793	81, 492
Stockfish (dried unsalted)	65,971	38, 830 289
Canning	237	
Home consumption	8,610	7,726
Oil and meal	2,290	1,722
Shellfish for: Fresh on ice	2	1.0
Freezing	3, 334	1,952
Canning	82	86
Total production	487,662	506, 213

1/Whole fish. 2/Drawn fish.

Source: Statistical Bulletin, vol. 32, no. 4, November 1963, The Statistical Bureau of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland.

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EXPORTS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS, JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1963;

During January-September 1963, there was a considerable increase in exports of frozen herring, herring meal, and cod-liver oil as compared with the same period in 1962, according to the Statistical Bureau of Iceland's Statistical Bulletin, November 1963. Exports of fish meal and uncured salted fish showed a considerable decrease in the first 9 months of 1963 (see table).

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Product	Jan.	-Sept. 196	63	JanSept. 1962		
Froduct	Qty.	Value	f.o.b.	Qty.	Value	f.o.b.
	Metric Tons	1,000 kr.	US\$ 1,000	Metric Tons	1,000 kr.	US\$
Salted fish, dried	1,579	32,065	744	1,938	38,111	884
Salted fish, uncured	17,569	221,266	5,133	23,892	287,720	6,675
Salted fish fillets	969	12,291		1,090	14,878	34
Wings, salted	1,504	18,484	429	983	11,271	26:
Stockfish	5,202	146,323	3,395	6,550	167,751	3,89
Herring on ice	7,224	23,417	543	4,899	17,144	39
Other fish on ice	22,960	121,199	2,812	17,045	84,915	1,97
Herring, frozen	26,159	144,498	3,352	17,076	93,552	2,17
Other frozen fish, whole	2,265	24,133	560	1,134	15,344	35
Frozen fish fillets	41,535	767,720	17,811	40,322	703,639	16,32
Shrimp and lobster, frozen	438	44,495	1,032	328	32,591	75
Roes, frozen	788	13,227	307	648	12,401	28
Canned fish	174	9,036	210	222	11,235	26
Cod-liver oil	7,175	52,337	1,212	3,751	30,459	70
Lumpfish roes, salted	324	5,322	123	401	6,156	14
Other roes for food, salted	3,176	44,919	1,042	2,745	37,922	88
Roes for bait, salted	1,745	12,571	292	1,387	8,678	20
Herring, salted	29,098	295,780	6,862	26,685	256,601	5,95
Herring oil	29,981	139,055	3,226	33,294	141,245	3,27
Ocean perch oil	754	5,130		15	59	
Whale oil	3,298	23,093		1,152	9,104	21
Fish meal	11,535	64,317	1,492	19,334	121,130	2,81
Herring meal	44,608	266,186	6,176	37,230	243,555	5,65
Ocean perch meal	2,953	13,754		34	204	
Wastes of fish, frozen	4,452	12,426		4,544	11,457	26
Liver meal	371	2,563		305	2,029	4
Lobster and shrimp meal	72	193		13	42	
Whale meal	100	558		402	2,151	5
Whale meat, frozen  Note: Values converted at rate of 1 krona equ	1,967	13,564	315	1,621	12,284	28



### Ireland

NEW FISHING COMPANY AIDED BY JAPANESE AND FRENCH INTERESTS:

Irish, Japanese, and French interests have combined to form a new offshore fishing company. The company will be based in Ireland, but fish will be landed for export only. The major shareholder in the new company, which was registered in Dublin early in December 1963, is a large Japanese fishing company. The French interest comes from the important fishing center of Lorient in Brittany.

It is expected that the new company will operate 6 deep-sea vessels, built to the most modern design, and each costing about L750,000 (US\$2.1 million).

It is possible that three of the vessels may be built at a shipyard in Cork. Each vessel would employ about 100 men.

The vessels will fish in the North Atlantic and none of the catch will be marketed in Ireland. The bulk of the catch is expected to be packaged on board and delivered directly to British and other European markets. The balance will be landed at an Irish port and processed for export. The new company expects a gross return of about £3 million (\$8.4 million) a year from its operations.

Ireland (Contd.):

No definite decision has yet been made on the choice of a base port but Galway, where harbor facilities are good and a fish-processing factory is close at hand, might be a likely choice. (<u>Irish Press</u>, December 12, 1963.)



# Italy

1963 QUOTA FOR FRESH AND FROZEN TUNA IMPORTS INCREASED:

The Italian Government on October 31, 1963 (Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 316, December 5, 1963), increased the import quota for fresh and frozen tuna by 8,000 metric tons for the last two months of 1963. The quota, which is duty-free, was opened to all countries. (United States Embassy, Rome, December 14, 1963.)



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VALUE OF FROZEN AND CANNED TUNA EXPORTS, JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1963:

Japan's exports of frozen tuna to the United States in the first 9 months of 1963 were down 45.7 percent in value as compared with the same period in 1962. For the same period the export value of canned tuna increased 1.0 percent.

	JanSept. 1963			JanSept. 1962			
Product	U.S.	Total	U.S. Ratio	U.S.	Total	U.S. Ratio	
	(In US\$1,000)		%	% (In US\$1,000)		%	
Tuna, frozen	13,900	33,384	41.6	25,603	40,500	63,2	
Tuna, canned	10,763	16,702	64.4	10,652	15.341	69.4	

The United States took 41.6 percent of Japan's total frozen tuna exports during the first nine months of 1963 as compared with 63.2 percent in the same period of 1962. The United States ratio of Japan's total canned tuna exports was 64.4 percent as against the same period in 1962 when it was 69.4 percent. (United States Embassy, Tokyo, November 1963.)

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CANNED TUNA SALE TO THE UNITED STATES:

The Tuna Standing Committee of the Japan Canned Foods Exporters Association decided that the first canned tuna sale to the United States in the business year which began December 1, 1963, should consist of 100,000 cases. Since this quantity is exactly half that which the Canned Tuna Packers Association approved for release for the first sale, the two organizations expected to meet to resolve their differences. (Suisan Keizai Shimbun, December 15, 1963.)

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NEW TYPE CANNED TUNA PRODUCT DEVELOPED:

A new canned tuna product--"tuna steak"-has been developed by a Japanese fishing company. Seasoned with soy sauce and cooked in vegetable oil, the product is said to be very tender and meaty in taste, unlike the usual tuna pack in which some fish odor is generally present. The "tuna steak," which is packed in 160-gram (5.6-oz.) cans, was placed on sale on the Japanese domestic market on December 1, 1963, and retailed at 60 yen (17 U. S. cents) per can.

The Japanese firm is reported to be experimenting with other cooking and seasoning methods for the manufacture of specialty packs suitable for export to foreign countries. (Suisan Tsushin, December 2, 1963.)

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FROZEN TUNA EXPORT MARKET IN EARLY DECEMBER 1963:

The Japanese frozen tuna export market, which had been described as favorable early in December 1963, had turned sluggish due to few tuna vessel arrivals in Japan and resultant high ex-vessel prices. The market quotation for frozen gilled-and-gutted yellowfin for export to the United States from Japan proper was US\$375 a short ton c.&f. However, the ex-vessel price of yellowfin when converted to the c.&f. export price reportedly is equal to US\$390 a short ton. This situation has resulted in very few export contracts being concluded with United States tuna buyers, according to reports.

On the other hand, the European frozen tuna import market is reported to be firm. Japanese frozen gilled-and-gutted yellowfin exported to Italy were reported to have brought US\$400-410 a metric ton c.& f. Frozen gilled-and-gutted big-eyed tuna were said to be selling for US\$325-330 a metric ton c.& f., and mixed shipments of big-eyed

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and yellowfin tuna (with a preponderance of big-eyed) sold for \$340 a metric ton.

Reportedly, yellowfin tuna made up about 30 percent of the total catch of tuna in the Atlantic Ocean for the first 11 months of 1963. (Suisancho Nippo, December 7, 1963.)

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ALBACORE TUNA EX-VESSEL PRICE TRENDS, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1963:

The Japanese ex-vessel price for albacore tuna increased sharply in the latter part of 1963. In late November, the ex-vessel price of albacore at Kesennuma ranged between 90-120 yen a kilogram (US\$227-302 a short ton), with a high of 136 yen a kilogram (\$343 per short ton) reported on November 30. On December 6, the ex-vessel price of albacore at Kesennuma was reported as 115-159 yen a kilogram (\$290-401 per short ton), and at Shimizu 165-185 yen a kilogram (\$416-467 per short ton). However, on the same day, about 16 short tons of frozen albacore landed at Yaizu sold at ex-vessel prices of 70-130 yen a kilogram (\$176-328 per short ton). A day earlier, on December 5, the ex-vessel price of frozen al-bacore at Yaizu ranged from 100-165 yen a kilogram (\$252-416 a short ton).

During the following week (December 14), 1,650 pieces of albacore landed at Kesennuma brought from 120-160 yen a kilogram (\$302-403 a short ton); and at Miyako, an undetermined quantity of albacore landed on the same day sold for 146-158 yen a kilogram (\$368-398 a short ton). On December 10 at Shimizu, 390 pieces of albacore brought exvessel prices of 110-160 yen a kilogram (\$277-403 a short ton). (Suisan Keizai Shimbun, December 6, 7, 11, and 15, 1963, and other periodicals.)

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FROZEN TUNA EXPORT MARKET TRENDS, MID-DECEMBER 1963:

The Japanese export frozen tuna market as a whole was considered dull in mid-December 1963, with few export agreements concluded with United States tuna buyers. However, one large United States packer was reported seeking frozen gilled-and-gutted yellowfin tuna in Japan and offering US\$10 a short ton above the existing Japanese f.o.b.

export price of \$325 a short ton. The same firm was also said to be offering nearly \$30 a short ton above the prevailing export market price for tuna loins. Reportedly, the United States firm planned to ship tuna purchased in Japan to its Puerto Rico plant on a chartered freighter in late December. (Suisan Tsushin, December 16, 1963, and other sources.)

NEW FROZEN TUNA EXPORT REGULATIONS PLANNED:

The Japan Export Frozen Tuna Producers Association met December 12, 1963, and appointed chairmen of those committees which are expected to meet early in 1964 to begin drafting tuna export regulations for fiscal year 1964 (April 1964-March 1965). The committees involved are the Direct Export Committee, the Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean Committees, and the Tuna Loin Committee.

The chairman of the Producers Association has been delegated the responsibility of appointing a committee to study the problem involving the landing of frozen tuna at overseas tuna bases, such as American Samoa. Under current regulations, Japanese vessel owners operating vessels out of certain overseas tuna bases can only operate "ice" boats and must land their catches in fresh form. (Suisan Tsushin, December 14, 1963.)

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DENMARK CONTRACTS TO IMPORT FROZEN TUNA:

Denmark is reported to have contracted to purchase 250 metric tons of Atlantic Ocean-caught frozen tuna (160 tons of bluefin and 90 tons of big-eyed) from Japan. The sale, negotiated by a Japanese trading company, reportedly was contracted at export prices of US\$425 per metric ton for gilled-and-gutted bluefin and \$365 per metric ton for gilled-and-gutted big-eyed, both prices c.i.f. Esbjerg and Skagen, Denmark. Shipment was expected to be made by the end of 1963.

This is believed to be the first time that Japanese frozen tuna have been exported to Denmark, which normally purchases bluefin tuna from Norway. Norway had a poor bluefin season in 1963 and was unable to supply Denmark's demand, hence the special pur-

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TUNA FISHING TRENDS IN EQUATORIAL

PACIFIC, NOVEMBER 1963: An examination of catch statistics as of November 30, 1963, reveals that Japanese tuna vessels fishing the vast equatorial waters of the Pacific Ocean (from the vicinity of Samoa to the waters off the Philippine Islands and off Borneo) averaged about one metric ton of tuna per day per trip. Very few vessels caught over two tons per day. Due to extremely poor fishing during the first 11 months of 1963 in the equatorial Pacific Ocean, many vessels in December 1963 reportedly moved to the fishing grounds southeast of Australia, where they were catching an average of 1.5 metric tons a day, as compared to an average of 3-4 tons a day in 1962. Also, many Japanese tuna vessels were reported to have moved to the tuna grounds in the eastern South Pacific. Those vessels were said to be averaging 2.5-3 tons per day. (Suisancho Nippo, December 9, 1963.)

TUNA TRANSSHIPMENT OPERATIONS AT DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA:

A large Japanese fishing company has established a 5,000-ton transshipment target in 1964 for its base in Durban, South Africa. To meet the target, the firm is actively encouraging Japanese tuna vessel owners, operating vessels in the Indian Ocean, to deliver their catches in 1964 to Durban. At least 7 tuna vessels delivered their catches to Durban in late 1963. The Japanese firm's 1963 operation at Durban (started in June 1963) was reported to be less than successful.

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For the period June-November 1963, trans-shipments 1/2 of frozen tuna to Japan proper from Durban totaled: 739 metric tons of round albacore; 373 tons of gilled-and-gutted yellowfin; 74 tons of yellowfin fillets; 10 tons of round big-eyed; 138 tons of big-eyed fillets; 116 tons of dressed spearfish; 60 tons of spearfish fillets; and 75 tons of shark.

(Suisancho Nippo, December 13, 1963.)

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1/Transshipments to the United States not permitted.

NEW LONG-LINE GEAR TESTED OFF WEST AFRICAN COAST:

A Japanese fishing company has dispatched the 350-ton tuna-fishing vessel Koyo Maru to the Atlantic Ocean to explore the waters off Angola, Congo, and South-West Africa. Reportedly, the vessel will test a new type of gear described as "vertical long-line" designed to fish tuna and other fish of that type at different depths simultaneously. (Suisan Tsushin, December 11, 1963.)

FISHING VESSEL CONSTRUCTION PERMITS, LATE 1963:

On December 7, 1963, the Japanese Fisheries Agency issued permits for the construction of 84 fishing vessels, including 47 tuna vessels. Of the tuna vessels, 42 were vessels of the 39-ton class. In November 1963, the Agency authorized the construction of 140 39-ton vessels. (Suisan Keizai Shimbun, December 15, 1963, and other sources.)

FISHING VESSEL CONSTRUCTION PERMITS. NOVEMBER 1963:

During the month of November 1963, the Japanese Fisheries Agency issued permits for the construction of 240 fishing vessels. Of these, 140 were permits for the construction of 39-ton tuna vessels, for which fishing licenses were not required in 1963 but will be required in 1964. In addition, the Agency issued permits for the construction of 18 tuna vessels ranging in size between 70-300 tons gross (mostly over 200 tons), two 19-ton portable tuna-fishing boats, and two 3,430-ton distant-water trawlers. The trawlers are expected to be assigned for operation in the Bering Sea. (Suisan Keizai Shimbun, November 7, 17, & 29, 1963; and other sources.)

GOVERNMENT STOPS APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO CONSTRUCT SMALL TUNA VESSELS:

Effective December 7, 1963, the Japanese Fisheries Agency stopped accepting applications for permits to construct 39-ton tuna fishing vessels by publishing in the Government Gazette the ministerial ordinance relating to the establishment and requirements of the newly designated "coastal (offshore) tuna fishery" (north of 10° N. lat. and west of 160° E. long.). Under this ordinance, tuna vessels in

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the 20- to 39-ton size classification, which heretofore operated freely without fishing licenses, will henceforth be brought under a licensing system. At the same time, the operation of tuna vessels in the 20- to 50-ton size category will be restricted to the "off-shore tuna fishery."

The Fisheries Agency had been flooded in October and November 1963 with applications for permits to construct 39-ton tuna vessels when it became apparent that the Government intended to regulate the operation of this class of vessels. Reportedly, to control the flow of applications for licenses to operate tuna vessels in the newly designated fishery, including application for permits to construct new 39-ton vessels, the Agency published the ministerial ordinance somewhat earlier than generally anticipated.

The number of tuna vessels in the 20- to 50-ton size classification to be licensed for operation in the newly established "offshore tuna fishery" was scheduled for governmental decision in January 1964. Reportedly, the Agency intends to restrict the number of operational vessels to about 1,200 vessels, although it is estimated that the Agency, as of December 7, was in receipt of over 2,000 applications to operate tuna vessels in the "offshore tuna fishery." (Suisan Tsushin, December 9, 1963.)

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LICENSES APPROVED FOR DISTANT-WATER TRAWLERS:

The Japanese Fisheries Agency on November 28, 1963, met with the Central Fisheries Coordination Council (highest government-industry advisory group on fisheries) to review applications for distant-water trawl licenses filed before the October 18 deadline by Japanese fishing companies. At that meeting, the Fisheries Agency approved the Council's recommendation that the government license a total of 18 vessels for distant-water trawl operation and also adopted the Council's proposed licensing requirements for those vessels.

Licensing requirements and number of trawlers approved for distant-water operation are:

- (1) The two Japanese fishing companies currently operating over 10 trawlers in the Atlantic Ocean shall not be granted licenses to operate additional trawlers in that ocean.
- (2) Regardless of the number of applications submitted by the fishing companies, not more than one trawler license shall be issued to any company for each area of operation.

The 13 vessels newly licensed for operation in the Atlantic Ocean (off Africa) are 6 vessels of 299 gross tons; 1 vessel of 500 tons; 1 vessel of 1,500 tons; 1 vessel of 2,800 tons; 1 vessel of 2,500 tons; 1 vessel of 2,800 tons; 1 vessel of 3,000 tons; and 1 vessel of 3,500 tons. The 5 vessels licensed to operate in the Southwest Pacific (off Australia and New Zealand) are as follows: 1 vessel of 299 tons; 1 vessels of 990 tons; 2 vessels of 1,850 tons; and 1 vessel of 2,000 tons. (Nihon Keizai Shimbun, November 29, 1963; Suisan Tsushin, November 28, 1963.)

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ATLANTIC TRAWL FISHERY TRENDS, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1963:

The Japanese trawler Aoi Maru No. 2, (1,104 gross tons), which had been operating in the North Atlantic Ocean off Newfoundland for approximately a year, arrived at the Japanese port of Nagoya on November 24, 1963. The trawler was scheduled to depart for the North Atlantic fishing grounds again in late January 1964. (Suisan Tsushin, November 27, 1963.)

The Japanese Fisheries Agency authorized Japan's two largest fishing companies to conduct experimental trawl fishing in the Atlantic Ocean off Argentina for a period of one year, beginning December 1, 1963. One of the companies plans to use the 1,800-ton trawler Taiyo Maru No. 66. The other company will work from the 1,100-ton trawler Ikoma Maru. The Fisheries Agency has defined the experimental trawling area as the waters south of latitude 25° S. and west of longitude 40° W. (Suisan Keizai Shimbun, December 11, 1963.)

The Fisheries Agency is reported to have under study a plan to permit distant-water trawlers, operating out of overseas bases such as those in the Atlantic Ocean, to transfer their catches at sea. The plan, if ap-

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proved, is expected to assist materially the operating efficiency of trawlers under 1,000 gross tons. (Suisan Keizai Shimbun, December 11, 1963.)

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SAURY FISHERY PRODUCTION AND EXPORT TRENDS LATE NOVEMBER 1963:

The Japan Saury Sales Company was reported early in December 1963 to have contracted to sell a total of 90,000 cases of canned saury (80,000 cases of No. 1 small and 10,000 cases of No. 4) to Egypt. The sale was concluded at export prices of US\$6.54 per case for No. 1 small and \$6.53 per case for No. 4, f.o.b. Japan, with shipment to be made pending issuance of an import license by the Egyptian Government. The import license was expected to be issued by the end of 1963.

Saury fishing in Japan, which was very poor as of early November, picked up sharply after mid-November with 4,000-5,000 metric tons per day being landed. The increased landings resulted in a sharp drop in the exvessel price, from the US\$103 a ton reported in early November to about \$50 a ton in late November. To stabilize landings and prices, the National Saury Production Adjustment Association began to curtail fishing operations by closing the fishery for 48-hour periods every 5-7 days, depending on fishing conditions. On December 5, the ex-vessel prices of saury at the fishing ports of Kesennuma, Onagawa, and Ishinomaki had recovered somewhat and were quoted at \$71-78 a ton, (Suisan Tsushin, December 2, 7, & 9; Nihon Suisan Shimbun, November 27, 1963; and other sources.)

PLANS CALL FOR DOUBLING SALMON HATCHERY FACILITIES:

In 1962, Japan's Fishery Agency began a three-year program to double the number of artificially hatched salmon to 1,000 million fish a year. However, a curtailment of funds reduced the capital from US\$1,667,000 a year to \$750,000 a year. Due to this development, the privately supported Japan Fisheries Association, contributor of one-third of the funds for the Government program (initial plan \$556,000 a year, now \$250,000), is plan-

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ning to initiate its own program to supplement the present plan. To this end the Fisheries Association will establish a new salmon hatchery in Eastern Hokkaido costing about \$278,000 over a two-year period.

It is evident that the Japanese authorities are putting considerable effort into the improvement of their facilities. One of the best stations is at Abashiri on the Sea of Okhotsk where modern facilities are producing about 20 million small salmon a year. That station is particularly effective because the salmon are released into a lake for further growth before leaving for the sea.

One problem, however, that remains outstanding in Hokkaido is the effect on naturally spawned salmon of industrial waste and agricultural chemicals which are increasingly polluting the rivers. (United States Embassy, Tokyo, December 3, 1963.)

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UNMANNED OCEANOGRAPHIC STATIONS TO BE SET UP OFF COAST:

The Japanese Fisheries Agency has announced a three-year plan to establish 42 unmanned oceanographic observation towers off various coastal areas of Japan beginning in FY 1964 (April 1964-March 1965) as part of a long-range program to forecast oceanographic and fishing conditions. The unmanned towers will continuously record oceanographic conditions in coastal waters where severe changes in sea conditions are believed to exert considerable influences on the coastal fisheries. Initially 10 of these towers will be installed off nine prefectures during FY 1964. (Suisan Keizai Shimbun, November 27, 1963.)

# Malaysia

MARKET TRENDS FOR IMPORTED CANNED SARDINES:

A recent survey of Malaysian markets shows that sales of United States canned sardines are as popular as other brands in the higher income groups and that there is no particular preference as to type of can or pack. In the lower income groups, canned sardines from Japan (which are lower-priced and of acceptable quality) are reported to be most popular. United States sardines packed in to-

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Soybean oil	28.00 28.00	9.15 9.15	Canada
Olive oil	75.00	24,50	11
100/33- to 4-oz. (flats)	28.00	9.15	Canada
48 or 24/15-oz. (oval cans): Tomato sauce Natural or brine	34.00 39.00	11.11 12,75	Japan
48 or 24/8-oz. (oval cans): Tomato sauce Soybean oil Natural or brine	18.00 18.00 19.00	5.88 5.88 6,21	Japan
48 or 24/15-oz. (tall cans): Tomato sauce Natural or brine	42.00 42.00	13.73 13.73	U. S. (Calif.)
100/5-oz. (tall cans): Tomate sauce Natural or brine	32.00 32.00	10.46 10.46	U.S. (Calif.)

mato sauce in 5-ounce tall cans are also popular with the lower income groups. Many stores reported that they have discontinued selling canned herring and pilchard, especially United States brands, because of a lower demand, due mainly to price and lack of supplies. Canned salmon and horse mackerel from the United States are not much in demand, although in the lower income groups there is a market for Japanese horse mackerel packed in tomato sauce. With the exception of the higher income groups, the lower income groups prefer canned fish packed in tomato sauce.

The information in the table on canned sardines marketed in Malaysia was obtained from the survey. (United States Embassy, Kuala Lumpur, December 20, 1963.)

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FISHERIES TRENDS, THIRD QUARTER 1963:

A temporary ban on trawling in Malaysian waters was imposed by the Government in July 1963. Trawling permits had been sought by many prospective enterprises, including a number backed by joint Japanese-Malaysian interests. The lifting of the trawling ban depends on the completion of plans being drawn by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to ease the hardships that trawl fishing will cause fishermen using more primitive methods.

In September 1963, prospects for improved east coast fishery marketing facilities were brightened by a M\$1.5 (US\$490,000) million Canadian contribution through the Colombo Plan. The money will provide cold-storage facilities at several locations. The first freezing plant will be installed at the port of Kuantan in 1964 and used by the Government to popularize local frozen fish. (United States Embassy, Kuala Lumpur, November 26, 1963)



# Morocco

CANNED FISH EXPORTS, JUNE-SEPTEMBER 1962-63:

Exports of canned fish by Morocco during June-September 1963 were substantially higher than for the same period in 1962, but lower than in 1961. Total canned fish exports amounted to 963,942 cases during June-September 1963 as compared with 897,382 cases in 1962, and 1,053,531 cases in 1961. Exports of sardines during the 4-month period of 1963 totaled 728,542 cases as compared with 733,574 cases in 1962 and 828,393 cases in 1961. Canned tuna exports amounted to 36,737 cases during June-September 1963 as compared with 60,125 cases in 1962. Exports of other fish rose to 198,663 cases from 103,684 cases in 1962. (United States Embassy, Rabat, November 28, 1963.)

### Netherlands

VIEWS ON NORTHEAST ATLANTIC AND EUROPEAN FISHERY POLICIES:

The Netherlands Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has announced that the Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission, set up under the 1959 Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Convention, will hold its first meeting in The Hague, May 11-17, 1964, at the invitation of his Government. The meeting should show whether participants are willing to implement the Convention's provisions which are designed to prevent overfishing in the northeastern section of the Atlantic Ocean. As far as the Netherlands is concerned, measures going beyond those laid down in the previous Convention are acceptable only if made subject to international inspection.

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The Minister welcomed a British initiative in inviting European Economic Community (EEC) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries as well as Ireland, Iceland, and Spain to an international conference in London on December 3, 1963, to discuss the problem of unilateral extension of national fishing limits. In addition other problems were aired including access to fishing areas, trade in fish, fisheries policy, and police supervision.

The Government is also in favor of a common EEC fisheries policy which would rule out any national measures detrimental to Community partners and preferably make territorial waters of EEC countries accessible without restriction to all fishermen of all present or future members. (United States Embassy, The Hague, December 10, 1963.)

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OYSTER INDUSTRY DECLINES:

In the 1961/1962 season, a total of 30 million oysters was harvested in the Netherlands, but a few more years may see the end of this century-old oyster culture which is concentrated around the port of Yerseke in Zeeland, that province of islands in southwest Holland. The Oosterschelde estuary (which is the cradle of the Dutch oyster industry) will be cut off from the sea by the construction of the Delta flood-prevention dyke. That famous oyster area will become a lake unfit for oyster culture when the Delta project is completed in about 10 years.

The intense winter cold of the 1962/1963 season created a crisis in the industry. Out of 150 million oysters, only 0.05 percent survived, and those few were not capable of continuing propagation. Under normal circumstances, Dutch oyster farmers would not have hesitated to import foreign oysters to continue their trade. But shortly after the winter disaster, the threatened industry was further discouraged by cancellation of the Government's project to develop an artificial oyster-rearing basin. (The artificial rearing project was said to have failed because of changes in the structure of the Delta flood control project.)

It was reported in the fall of 1963 that only 13 of the 150 Dutch oyster farmers would continue their culture. The others had

various choices. Indemnification was expected from the Government. Some were reported to be planning to switch to mushroom farming. Others were discussing the possibility of of seeking new areas for oyster cultivation in foreign countries. (Fishing News, October 4, 1963.)

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, November 1961 p. 58.



# Nicaragua

SPINY LOBSTER FISHING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED:

By a decree, effective November 20, 1963, the Government of Nicaragua has established regulations on spiny lobster fishing in Nicaraguan waters. The regulations are as follows:

Article 1. It is forbidden to catch, buy, keep, process, store, transport, sell, and export lobsters which show external eggs, as well as to remove them by any means.

Article 2. It is forbidden to catch lobsters whose length is inferior to 20 centimeters (7.9 inches), measured from the "pinzers" to the terminal part of the tail.

Article 3. Upon the violation of the dispositions contained in the present decree, when reported by the respective inspector, the Director of Natural Resources of the Ministry of Economy is authorized to impose a fine on the violator, not higher than Five Thousand Cordobas (\$5,000 or about US\$714) and not less than One Thousand Cordobas (\$1,000 or about US\$143). In case of repetition of the offense, the imposed fine can be increased to double in each case. The payment will be effective by law.

Besides the established sanctions in the above paragraph, the respective authorities can impose on the offender the following penalties: thirty days of arrest, confiscation of the seized lobster, of the working implements, and the cancellation of the license or fishing permit.

Article 4. In case of arrest, referred to in the above article, the police judges

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will be competent in their respective jurisdictions, admitting all proofs and resources established by the Law. (United States Embassy, Managua, December 12, 1963.)



## Norway

### EXPORTS OF CANNED FISH, JANUARY 1-SEPTEMBER 28, 1963:

Norway's total exports of canned fish in January 1-September 28, 1963, were 10.5 percent less than in the same period of 1962. The decline affected all of Norway's principal canned fish products.

Product	1/1963	1962
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Brisling	3,782	1 4,479
Small sild	10,289	10,781
Kippered herring	2,318	3,175
Soft herring roe	621	719
Sild delicatessen	321	369
Other canned fish	2,410	2,428
Shellfish	1,147	1,388
Total	20,888	23,339

In 1963, the small sild canning season opened on May 2. By October 26, 1963, the small sild pack amounted to 537,087 standard cases, up 15.6 percent from the pack of 464,470 cases in the same period of 1962.

The 1963 brisling packing season extended from June 4 to October 15. At the close of the 1963 season, a total of 276,904 standard cases of canned brisling had been packed, a decline of 33.6 percent from the pack of 416,887 cases in the previous year. The Norwegian brisling catch was rather poor in the fall of 1963.

The production of canned mackerel up to October 12, 1963, amounted to 1,365 metric tons as compared with 2,062 tons by the same date in 1962. (Norwegian Canners Export Journal, November 1963.)

PROPOSED REFINANCING OF STATE-CONTROLLED FISH-PROCESSING COMPANY:

A Government proposal for the refinancing of AS Finmark og Nord-Troms Fiskeindustri (FiNoTro), a fish-processing company operating seven plants in the Troms and Finmark Counties of northern Norway, was submitted to the Norwegian Storting (Parliament) in late 1963. More than 90 percent of the stock of FiNoTro is owned by the Government and the rest of the shares are held by various fishing unions and the Norwegian Society of Cooperatives. The proposed refinancing would provide FiNoTro with N. Kr. 12 (US\$1.7 million) to modernize its plants, and Kr. 2.5 million (\$350,000) to settle certain debts. A total of Kr. 10 million (\$1.4 million) of the company's Kr. 14.5 million (\$2.0 million) share capital is considered lost and is to be written off. The Storting was asked to grant Kr. 12 million (\$1.7 million) in the current fiscal year for new share capital in FiNoTro, and to authorize the Norwegian Ministry of Finance to transfer Kr. 2.5 million (\$350,000) from a special fisheries fund to FiNoTro. The remainder of the capital needed will be supplied by the other shareholders in FiNoTro. The bill also recommends certain measures designed to improve the efficiency of the company, including a reorganization of its management. Two of the seven plants making up FiNoTro are to be closed down. (United States Embassy, Oslo, Norway, December 7, 1963.)



### Panama

SPINY LOBSTER EXPLORATORY FISHING PROJECT CONCLUDED:

M/V "Pelican" Cruise 16 (December 5-19, 1963): The last survey of stocks of spiny lobsters off Panama by the chartered commercial fishing vessel Pelican was conducted during a 2-week cruise in December 1963 when experimental and simulated commercial lobster fishing was carried out in the northwest section of the Gulf of Panama. The cruise off Panama was one of a series conducted by the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries through an interagency agreement with the U. S. Agency for International Development (AID) Mission to Panama as an Alliance for Progress program.

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The total catch during the cruise in December 1963 amounted to 2,847 lobsters (2,758 pounds). The catch was composed of 1,034 spiny lobsters (Panularis gracilis) or 1,255 pounds, and 1,813 rock lobsters (Scyllarides sp.) or 1,503 pounds.

The first week of the cruise was devoted to training and involved the use of 180 woodslat traps. During that time, 154 lobsters (227 pounds) were caught.

During the second week, operations were centered in the San Carlos-Rio Hato area where trawling on rocky bottom was conducted with a 40-foot shrimp trawl rigged with plastic mud rollers and a tickler chain. Of the total of 45 drags (averaging 90 minutes each), 40 were successful in taking lobsters. The total trawling catch was 990 spiny and 1,803 rock lobsters. The best drag produced 207 lobsters. Gear damage was limited to 1 torn net and 4 broken tickler chains.

Comparative drags made during daylight and nighttime revealed no discernable differences in catch rate, indicating good possibilities for successful round-the-clock commercial fishing.

The presently unused rock lobster, which is of excellent quality in both meat yield and flavor, appears suitable for commercial exploitation.

A brief visit was made to the scallop fleet which was working the beds discovered during Pelican Cruise 15 in September 1963. The 15 vessels in the area were each fishing with two 6-foot dredges. Due to high catch rates, the fishermen were allowing only 5 to 7 minutes per drag. Full vessel loads were being taken in two days of fishing, working only during daylight hours.

The M/V Pelican was scheduled to return to the United States in early 1964.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, December 1963 p. 76.



Peru

FISHING INDUSTRY LONG-RANGE FORECAST:

In Peru, an annual growth rate of 5 percent for the tuna industry and 12 percent for the fish meal industry during the current decade is predicted by the Peruvian National Society of Industries in a publication based upon material from the Peruvian Central Reserve Bank's study "Programacion del Desarrollo."

The forecast of 5 percent growth in the tuna industry for the period 1961 to 1971 was based on estimated domestic Peruvian consumption alone. Increased Japanese competition in foreign tuna markets could limit the growth of Peruvian export tuna sales.

It was estimated that the international market for fish meal could reach 3 million metric tons per year by 1967. Assuming Chilean production may reach 550,000 tons, Icelandic 150,000 tons, South African 230,000 tons, and other countries 300,000 tons, the demand for Peruvian meal could still reach 2 million tons. This assumption was the basis for the prediction that Peruvian fish meal production increases for the period 1961 to 1971 should average 12 percent per annum. The future of fish oil production was viewed as uncertain, and no estimate was made of possible increases. Production of spermoil and whale meal will remain about at present levels, according to the forecast. (United States Embassy, Lima, December 5, 1963.)

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ESTIMATED EXPORTS OF FISH MEAL AND FISH OIL, 1963:

Unpublished estimates of Peru's 1963 exports of fish meal and fish oil were: fish meal, 1,160,000 metric tons; fish oil, 106,863 tons. Fish meal stocks on hand as of September 30, 1963, were estimated to be 114,659 tons. No estimates were given on stocks of fish oil on hand as of that date.

Although Peru's production of fish meal in 1963 was expected to be less than earlier predicted, the January-October 1963 production was well ahead of the same period a year earlier (903,437 metric tons as against 819,638 tons).

Exports of fish meal in 1963 were up from 1962 as a result of the good world demand, and stocks of both fish meal and fish oil at the end of 1963 were expected to be lower than usual. (United States Embassy, Lima, December 20, 1963.)

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### FISH MEAL EXPORT AGREEMENT EXTENDED:

By the Supreme Decree of December 12, 1963, the Peruvian Government ratified for another three years the international fish meal export agreement which was originally signed in Paris on October 1, 1960, by representatives of the Peruvian National Fisheries Society (Sociedad Nacional de Pesqueria) and the international Fish Meal Exporters Organization (FEO).

FEO establishes quotas for fish-meal exporting countries in order to maintain a balance between supply and demand. Under the original Paris agreement, Peru was allocated an export quota of 600,000 metric tons. Due to the rapid expansion of the fish meal market, the Peruvian quota has been steadily increased, having been set at 1 million long tons for 1963 and 1.2 million long tons for 1964. (United States Embassy, Lima, January 3, 1964.)



### Poland

LANDINGS OF MARINE PRODUCTS AND SIZE OF FISHING FLEET, 1962-63:

Poland's target for ocean fish landings in 1963 was reported by the periodical Zycie Warszawy of December 13, 1963, to be more than reached. The prediction was that the 1963 marine fish landings would be at least 207,000 metric tons. As a result of the good landings, market supplies for home consumption increased. The target for the 1964 ocean fish landings has been set at 222,000 tons.

	Poland's 950, 1955			Vessels,	
Type of Vessel	1962	1961	1960	1955	1950
		. (Numb	er of Ve	ssels)	
Factory trawlers	5	1 2	1	-	
Super trawlers	66	57	53	8	-
Other trawlers	9	11	13	20	24
Lugger-trawlers	46	46	50	34	-
Luggers	1	3	3	3	3
Cutters	545	538	532	397	338
Auxiliary vessels .	3	3	3	2	-
Total	675	660	655	464	365
Total Gross Reg- gistered Tons	104,900	91,700	87,600	43, 200	18, 200
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In 1962, Poland's marine fish landings were down 3.1 percent from the previous

year due to a sharp decline in the herring catch. Cod landings, however, were up substantially from 1961 and there were good increases for sprats and other species.

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Fishery	1962	1961	1960	1959	1950
Groundfish	47,300 76,100 13,700 27,100	40,800 93,600 11,300		40,300 52,000 5,100	9,50

Poland's fleet of sea fishing vessels continued to expand in 1962. The fleet gained 3 factory trawlers that year, as well as 9 super trawlers, and 7 cutters. There was a decline in the number of smaller trawlers and vessels classified as "luggers." The gross registered tonnage of the fishing fleet in 1962 was 14.4 percent greater than in 1961, and was about five times greater than in 1950. (Concise Statistical Yearbook of Poland, 1963.)

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, February 1963 p. 87.



# Portugal

CANNED FISH EXPORTS, JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1963:

Portugal's total exports of canned fish during the first 9 months of 1963 were down 7.8 percent from those in the same period of 1962, due primarily to lower exports of sardines. The decline was partly offset by a considerable increase in exports of mackerel. Sardines accounted for 73.7 percent of the 1963 exports of canned fish, followed by mackerel with 9.8 percent, anchovy fillets with 7.4 percent, tuna and tuna-like fish with 5.6 percent, and chinchards with 2.9 percent.

Product	January-September							
	. 19	63	1962					
Oil or Sauce:	Metric Tons	1,000 Cases	Metric Tons	1,000 Cases				
Sardines	33,924 1,341	1,785	39,305 1,626	2,067				
Mackerel  Tuna and tuna-like  Anchovy fillets	4,504 2,590 3,434	180 86 343	1,722 2,833 4,253	942				

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with 7,664 metric tons, followed by Germany with 7,397 tons, the United Kingdom 5,276 tons, the United States 5,073 tons, France 3,931 tons, and Belgium-Luxembourg 2,992 tons. (Conservas de Peixe, November 1963.)

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CANNED FISH PACK, JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1963:

Portugal's total pack of canned fish in oil or sauce in the first 9 months of 1963 was down about 25 percent from that in the same period of 1962. The decline was due mainly to a sharp drop in the pack of sardines.

Product	January-September						
	190	53	1962				
	Metric Tons	1,000 Cases	Metric Tons	1,000 Cases			
Sardines	19,818 2,315	1,043 123	30,781 2,724	1,620			
Mackerel	5,414 5,381	216 180	5,838 4,856	23: 16:			
Anchovy fillets Others	2,956 347	296 18	3,938 433	394			
Total	36,231	1,876	48,570	2,57			

Landings of sardines in January-September 1963 totaled 65,285 tons. For January-August, tuna landings were 905 tons and bonito 154 tons--mostly used for canning. (Conservas de Peixe, November 1963.)



# South-West Africa

QUOTAS FOR 1963 AND 1964 PILCHARD FISHERY INCREASED:

The Walvis Bay fishing industry in South-West Africa has been granted an additional pilchard quota of 60,000 short tons for the 1963 season, to be divided equally among the six factories. This makes a total quota for the 1963 season for the pilchard industry of 600,000 tons, 100,000 tons per factory. By the end of August the total catch was 433,285 tons.

In announcing this extra quota the South-West Africa Administration stipulated that it would not be a permanent increase.

The extra quota prolonged the season at Walvis Bay for another month and the first factories closed early in October.

Most of the production from this extra quota was reduced to fish meal and used to meet an order from Japan for 20,000 tons of fish meal. Delivery of this order was due late in 1963 or early in 1964. It is also understood that the Japanese have been very impressed with the quality of South African fish meal.

The extra quota had to be granted to enable the industry to meet this order, as earlier production was sold in advance. It was estimated that at the end of the normal season the industry had about 5,000 tons of fish meal on hand.

The extra 60,000 tons have been given on the licenses of the two new fishing concerns in South-West Africa which were licensed by the Administration to catch and process pilchards into fish meal and oil. This means that the existing six factories will pay a share to the new companies for use of part of their quota.

At the time the new firms were licensed it was decided to fix the permanent yearly quota for the South-West African pilchard industry at 90,000 tons per factory, or 720,000 tons for the industry.

The two new factories must be in full production by the start of the 1965 season and may in the meantime work their quota through an existing factory. (The South African Shipping News and Fishing Industry Review, October 1963.)



## Sweden

FISHING INDUSTRY TRENDS, 1962, AND ESTIMATE FOR 1963:

Summary: An oversupply of herring in 1963 forced prices down and checked the record prosperity experienced by the Swedish fishing industry in 1962. The large herring landings in 1963 were expected to result in new limitations on landings by both Sweden and Denmark. The extension of fishing limits by other countries has not yet affected Swedish fishermen, but an agreement made with Norway will handicap Swedish shrimp fishermen in 1965. No large change in the structure of the Swedish fishing fleet is expected within the next few years.

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Species	Quar	tity	Value					
	1962	1961 1962		52	196	1		
	. (Metric	Tons).	1,000 S, Kr.	US\$ 1,000	1,000 S.Kr.	US\$ 1,000		
Herring	145, 121		86,685		66,029			
Baltic herring	16,520		11, 104		10,727	2,064		
Sprat	5,054		4,589		4,473			
Cod	30,600	30,839	22,552		22,770	4,380		
Haddock	3, 321	4,410	3,993	768	4,918	946		
Whiting	3,051	1,468			1,263			
Ling	1,227	1,214	1,696	326	1,550	298		
Other cod								
species	4,270							
Flatfish	3, 308	3, 137	5,427	1,044	5, 176	996		
Mackerel	14,627	13,593	10,796	2,077	8,719	1,677		
Eel	1,742		12,413		11,403	2, 194		
Salmon	1,339		6,078		7,586	1,459		
Shrimp	5,724		25,763		20, 304	3,906		
Other shellfish	1,534	1,774	5,879	1, 131	5,862	1, 128		
Unclassified								
fish	4,073							
Industrial fish	41,433	26, 255	7,316	1,407	4,336	834		
Total	282,944	252,732	216, 243	41,600	184, 279	35,452		

Species	Swedis	ngs in h Ports	Landings in Foreign Ports		
	1962	1961	1962	1961	
derring laltic herring prat lod laddock Whiting ling latfish Mackerel lel lalmon shrimp Dther shellfish Juclassified fish moustrial fish	51,766 16,520 4,872 29,005 2,779 1,742 1,210 2,961 3,186 5,405 1,742 1,339 5,712 1,528 3,719 31,958	. (Metric 62,556 16,100 4,736 30,118 3,946 1,158 1,196 2,787 3,055 6,780 1,911 1,564 4,460 1,773 3,637 21,883	Tons) 93,355	70, 879  213 721 464 310 18 825 82 6, 813	

Landings: In 1962, Swedish fishery landings were up 12.0 percent in quantity and 17.3 percent in value from those in 1961, due to heavier direct foreign landings and higher prices in foreign ports. But in 1963 an oversupply of herring filled cold-storage plants, drove prices down, and caused Swedish fishermen's income to drop by almost 30 percent. Limitations on landings in Swedish and Danish ports in 1963 were imposed too late to prevent market gluts. In the first half of 1963, direct landings by Swedish vessels in Danish and West German ports totaled 66,813 metric tons as compared with 45,345 tons in the same period of the previous year.

Foreign Trade: In 1962, Danish over-all exports of fishery products (including direct landings in foreign ports) were up 15.7 percent in quantity and 29.8 percent in value from those in 1961. Again, the increase in exports was due mainly to larger direct landings in foreign ports by Swedish vessels. Export landings and shipments of fresh and frozen fish accounted for almost 97 percent of the total exports. The leading buyer of Swedish fishery products was Denmark, followed by West Germany and East Germany.

Swedish imports of fishery products in 1962 were up 11.2 percent in value from those in 1961, but the quantity was almost the same in both years. Norway was the leading supplier of Swedish fishery imports, followed by Denmark and Iceland.

Fishing Fleet: The value of the Swedish fishing fleet in 1961 was calculated to be S. Kr. 217.5 million (US\$41.9 million) for fishing craft and Kr. 76.4 million (\$14.7 million) for gear, indicating a total investment of Kr. 293.9 million (\$56.6 million). It was estimated that in 1962 the value of fishing vessels increased by 25 percent and that of gear by 3 percent. In the first half of 1963, only 1 new

Table 3 - Swed	- Aport			, by Con	imounty '	510up, 1900-	1902		
Product	1962			1961			1960		
	Million S. Kr.	Million US\$	1,000 Metric Tons	Million S. Kr.	Million US\$	1,000 Metric Tons		Million	1,000 Metric Ton
Fresh and frozen fish	100.1	19.2	149.0	76.3	14.7	128.7	S. Kr. 69.1	US\$ 13.3	119.5
resh and frozen fish fillets	0.9	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.3
salted, spiced, or sugar-salted herring Other salted, dried, and smoked fish	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.4	1.6	3.5	0.7	3.4
hellfish	1.4	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.4
anned fish and shellfish	9,9	1.9	2.0	8.2	1.6	1.8	8.2	1.6	1.9
Other prepared fish products	1.1	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.2	1.8	0.3	0.5
Total	116.7	22.4	154.2	89.9	17.4	133.3	85.1	16.4	126.1

1/Included are direct landings by Swedish fishermen in foreign ports: in 1962--117,500 metric tons, valued at Kr. 69.9 million (US\$13.4 million); in 1961--85,300 metric tons, valued at Kr. 40.6 million (\$7.8 million); and in 1960--66,100 metric tons, valued at Kr. 30.2 million (\$5.8 million).

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Table 4 - Value of Swedish Exports 1/ of Fishery Products,

Country of Destination	1962	1961	1960	
	, (Million Swedish Kronor)			
Denmark		74.3	1 35.3 1	25.5
East Germany		11.1	18.4	21.5
France		2.5	1.4	0.8
United Kingdom		1.9	3.5	3.1
Norway		2.8	1.9	1.5
United States		2.5	2.8	2.6
West Germany		14.8	19.6	22.1
Other countries		6.8	7.0	7.6
Total Value of Swedish Fishery Exports		116.7	89.9	2/84.7

/Includes the value of direct landings in foreign countries. Does not agree exactly with corresponding total in table 3.

steel trawler was delivered as compared with 18 in 1962. It appears that the modernization of the Swedish fishing fleet has leveled off with Swedish fishermen carefully studying market developments before planning further investments.

The number of full-time Swedish fishermen in 1962 was 8,967, only a small decrease from the 9,041 reported the previous year. Better fishery employment opportunities on

the west coast in 1961 halted that area's downward trend and arrested the national decline in fishing employment evident since 1946.

Outlook: Little change in the structure of the Swedish fishing fleet is anticipated in the next few years. The size of vessels used by Swedish fishermen is not expected to exceed 100 feet, the size of the largest trawlers now in use. Modernization of the fleet will continue on a small scale in the form of more powerful engines and more efficient gear and equipment. The number of fishermen is expected to decrease in the areas where fishing is not as profitable as employment in other industries. This will particularly affect the number of fishermen on the east and south coast of Sweden.

Herring: The large herring landings in 1962 and particularly in the summer and fall of 1963 revealed that the organizations concerned with landings and prices do not have sufficient control over the situation during periods when there is an oversupply. Representatives of Swedish and Danish fishery organizations in late 1963 discussed the question of landings in Danish ports. Danish fishermen and their organizations, which had

Table 5 - Swedish Imports 1/2 of Fishery Products, by Commodity Group, 1960-1962 1960 Product 1962 1961 1,000 Million Million Million Million Million Million S. Kr. US\$ S. Kr. US\$ Metric Tons US\$ Metric Tons S.Kr. Metric Tons 6.0 Fresh and frozen fish
Fresh and frozen fish fillets
Salted, spiced, or sugar-salted herring 7.5 5.1 33.3 31.1 13.0 39.3 6.4 14.0 14.3 8.1 18,1 5.9 17.0 32.9 6.3 24.8 35.0 6.7 27.3 22.4 4.3 19.5 7.0 5.4 20.1 Other salted, dried, and smoked fish . 8.1 1.6 2.1 9.2 7.6 1.8 2,7 1.3 1.0 1.0 Camed fish and shellfish 8.9 1.7 2.0 1.5 1.6 19.5 21.0 4.0 3.7 3.4 3.4 2.8 1.7 3.0 8,0 1.5 3.0 Other prepared fish products . . . . . 9.9 1.9 9.1

146.6 28.1 57.8 1/Included are direct landings by Danish fishermen in Swedish ports: in 1962--600 metric tons, valued at Kr. 2.5 million (US\$0.5 million); in 1961--200 metric tons, valued at Kr. 1.6 million (\$0.3 million); and in 1960--100 metric tons, valued at Kr. 0.6 million (US\$0.1 million).

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Table 6 - Value of Swedish Imports 1/0f Fishery Products, by Country of Origin, 1960-1962

Country of Origin	1962	1961	1960
	. (Milli	on Swedish	Kronor) .
Canada	1.7	2.0	1 1.8
Denmark	42.1	38.4	31.7
East Germany	-	-	0.1
Iceland	21.2	19.3	9.8
Japan	2.4	2.0	3.6
Norway	58.8	49.9	45.8
Poland	2.0	1.1	1.4
Portugal	3.6	3.0	2.6
Soviet Union	7.3	7.9	8.3
United States	1.7	1.7	1.2
West Germany	1.5	2.0	1.8
Other countries	4.3	4.5	3.1
Total Value of Swedish			
Fishery Imports	146.6	131.8	2/111.2

Includes the value of direct landings by Danish fishermen in Swedish ports. 2/Does not agree exactly with corresponding total in table 5.

previously neglected limitations on herring landings and the maintenance of minimum prices on herring for consumption, agreed to follow the principles established by Swedish fishermen and their organizations. The heavy landings were partly the result of a good supply of 1960 class herring, but the increase in the number of fishing vessels from Denmark, West and East Germany, and the United Kingdom contributed to the large landings. Swedish fishery organizations have emphasized the importance of having a domestic processing industry with a high capacity, but fluctuations in the market have been a hampering factor.

It has been suggested that Swedish west coast fishermen could change over from fish-

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ing for herring to fishing for white fish. But the supply of white fish in the North Sea has been smaller than usual and herring fishing is under normal circumstances much more profitable. In addition, the craft and gear used by those fishermen have been adapted particularly to herring fishing.

As can be seen from recent import data (table 5), Sweden imports large quantities of salted, spiced, and sugar-salted herring. Previously, Swedish fishermen were actively engaged in herring fishing with drift nets in Icelandic waters, but for various reasons this type of fishing ceased. In 1963, however, the west coast fishermen's organization put up a guarantee, and 8 west coast trawlers made a 2-months trip to Icelandic waters in order to fish for herring with floating trawls. The experiment was not completely successful as out of an anticipated catch of 4,000 barrels, the vessels returned with only 2,000 barrels of salted herring. Bad weather with heavy storms and a general poor supply of herring were the reasons for the disappointing result. It was proved, however, that it is possible to catch Icelandic herring with floating trawls. The experiment also showed a possible way for the fishing organizations to decentralize fishing areas and landing ports, thus reducing the number of vessels in certain overworked areas and limiting landings in certain ports.

Shrimp: Shrimp fishermen on the northern part of the Swedish west coast will be excluded as of January 1, 1965, from a rich deep-water area in the Oslo Fjord. The west coast fishermen's organization has complained bitterly over the agreement between Norway and Sweden creating the exclusive area and will request financial assistance from the Swedish Government for the loss that fishermen may suffer. The organization has also proposed a Swedish import ban on Norwegian shrimp and crab, claiming that Norwegian fishermen are selling shellfish at prices which make it impossible for Swedish fishermen to compete. (United States Consulate, Goteborg, November 29, 1963.)



# Taiwan

SHRIMP EXPORTS INCREASED IN 1963:

Exports of shrimp to Japan and the United States were reported by the Industrial Development and Investment Center of the Republic of China to have amounted to about 250,000 pounds prior to the date of the report (October 31). As of that date, an additional 120,000 pounds were ready for shipment to Japan. The Center estimated that 500,000 pounds of shrimp valued at about US\$500,000 would be exported in 1963. (Taiwan Industrial Panorama, October 31, 1963.)



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FISHERIES CATCH GOAL INCREASED FOR 1964:

A 1964 goal of 4.9 million metric tons of fishery landings (including whales and other marine mammals) has been announced by the Soviet press. The 1964 goal represents an increase of about 8.9 percent over the estimated 1963 Soviet catch of 4.5 million tons. In addition to working developed fishing areas in 1964, the Soviet Union plans to send a fishing expedition into the Arabian Sea. Exploratory cruises will be conducted in the East China Sea and in the area off Iceland. (United States Embassy, Moscow, January 3, 1964.)

MARINE FISHERY PRODUCTION GOALS FOR 1963 EXCEEDED:

The Soviet periodical Izvestiva has announced that the 1963 U.S.S.R. plan for production of fish, marine animals (including whales), and other marine fishery products has been fulfilled ahead of schedule, with the total catch for 1963 estimated at 4.5 million metric tons. In 1962, the Soviet catch goal of 3.9 million metric tons was also reached ahead of schedule. (United States Embassy, Moscow, December 6, 1963.)

SPECIFICATIONS OF FISH FACTORYSHIPS BUILT BY WEST GERMAN SHIPYARD:

A contract to build 8 floating fish factories for the Soviet Union was negotiated in August 1963 by the Government-owned shipyard at Kiel, German Federal Republic. Although

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press reports at the time of the announcement of the contract stated that the vessels were to be of approximately 17,000 tons deadweight each, shipyard officials now state that the vessels will be of 10,000 tons deadweight each. Other specifications of the vessels: over-all length 545 feet; beam 79 feet; molded draft 49 feet; draft 25 feet; engine 5,600 hp. Diesel; and estimated speed 14 knots.

Unlike the whaling mothership Vladivostok and her sistership the <u>Daljnij Vostok</u>, which were built for the Soviets by the same ship-yard, the 8 vessels on order will not be designed for whaling but will have facilities for processing fish oil, fish meal, and frozen and canned fish.

The vessels are scheduled for delivery during 1965 and 1966 and it is not now known in what areas they will operate. From a technical point of view it is reported that they will be capable of operating in a full arctic to tropic range. (United States Consulate, Hamburg, December 20, 1963.)

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, October 1963 p. 67; June 1963 p. 70; February 1962 p. 93.



### **United Kingdom**

### CANNED FISH MARKETING TRENDS:

The per capita consumption of canned fish in the United Kingdom increased steadily between 1953 and 1958, rising some 113 percent in the 5-year period. On the other hand, per capita consumption of canned fish in the United Kingdom is still below that in the United States. The relatively smaller use in the United Kingdom offers an opportunity for increasing sales, particularly since the British market for convenience foods is growing.

Imports satisfy 90 percent of the British market for canned flahery products. Between 1958 and 1962, the value of the imports averaged US\$95 million per year with, however, some wide annual fluctuations.

Canned salmon accounts for about two-thirds of British imports of fighery products. Since the removal of exchange

Value of British Impo 1958-1962	rts of and 5	Cann -Year	ed Fi	sher	Pro	ducts,	
Canned Fishery Product	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	5-Year Avg 1958-1962	
	(Million US\$)						
Salmon,	84	43	60	84	69	68	
Brisling & sild sardines, pilchards, & sturgeon roe	6	7	7	8	8	7	
Other canned fishery prod- ucts	26	17	21	16	20	20	
Total	116	67	88	108	97	95	

controls in 1958, British purchases of canned salmon in the United States have averaged \$6 million per year, varying from \$7 million to \$3 million per year. In 1962, the United Kingdom took about 75 percent of all United States canned salmon exports.

Canned brisling and sild sardines, pilchards, and sturgeon roe imports (which are dominated by exclusive suppliers) account for about seven percent of the value of British canned fishery imports. Excluding those products as well as canned salmon still leaves British canned fishery imports valued at about \$20 million per year. These include various packs of crabs, tuna, shrimp, lobsters, oysters, clams, sardines, roe, fish paste, and other products.

Tuna is not presently a widely recognized canned fishery product in the United Kingdom. Canned tuna imports were valued at only about \$2 million in 1961, the only year for which statistics are available. Peru supplied 80 percent of that total. British tuna consumption is probably less than three percent of canned salmon consumption. However, distributors say consumption is increasing and, in view of the growing importance of convenience foods, there is every reason to believe that high-quality tuna could be marketed on a large scale, if supported by adequate advertising. There is certainly a sales potential at least as a specialty food.

A display of canned fishery products at a Trade Center exhibit in the United Kingdom could attract attention from British distributors, buyers, caterers, and other consumers. Foods other than fish could be included in an exhibit since most buyers and importers handle a variety of lines. (United States Embassy, London, December 13, 1963.)

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STERN TRAWLING REVIEWED AT CONFERENCE:

"Stern trawling" was the subject of the first major conference organized by the British White Fish Authority. The meeting was held in Grimsby, England, September 10-11, 1963. The 300 or more delegates from nine countries were a clear indication of the anxiety of both the catching and construction sides of the industry to put stern trawling under the microscope in order to assess its true potential. Although some nations and some individual companies have already made the decision to adopt stern fishing completely, there are still those who regard it as being economic only for large distant-water vessels. This conference offered an ideal opportunity for experiences to be compared and arguments for and against to be put forward.

Many of the delegates were representing ancillary industries such as engine builders, hauling gear manufacturers, and so on, all vitally interested in the various techniques so far employed on stern trawlers, and in their effectiveness. In a comparatively new field such as this, shipbuilder, owner, and gear manufacturer must pool resources in order to achieve the most effective solution for hauling and shooting the trawl.

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The subjects covered by the speakers tended to conform to this pattern. A British speaker set the scene by stating the problems of the trawler owner contemplating his first stern trawler and the economic factors which he has to consider. For the designer, a West German spoke on structural, layout and stability problems and later on hauling methods, trawl deck length, etc. Later speakers described operational experience with existing vessels; a Norwegian described how the Hekktind, Vaagtind, and smaller Hessatral and Hessagut were designed to suit the legislative and economic restrictions of Norway; a Frenchman spoke on the Thalassa and Hiram I and another speaker described Colonel Pleven II. British experience was illustrated by talks on the Junella and on the Fairtry's.

The latter half of the meeting looked toward future trends, with papers from two experts of the White Fish Authority.

Certain key points of discussion were of especial interest, and the views of various speakers on those points follow:

While the stern trawler had undisputed advantages as a long duration freezer vessel, its catching power as a fresh-fish trawler must be compared with that of the less expensive side trawler. Quicker handling of the gear and ability to work in worse weather gave the stern trawler an advantage in time actually spent fishing, but this could be offset by the higher speed of the conventional vessel, which also had a morale-boosting effect on the crew, said one British speaker. In practice, a 13-knot stern trawler compared with a 15-knot side trawler in catching power. Another British speaker had observed a desirable trend on the Junella, namely a higher average age of crew, which suggested that the stern trawler might help solve labor problems, and this was confirmed by another British speaker who had found that stern trawling seemed to attract the crew most suited to it. The Junella spent 327 days out of 365 at sea and with eight men on deck could haul, change a trawl, and shoot again in 30 minutes. The Vaagtind's trawl was on the bottom for 58 percent of her sea time, and the time taken to change a trawl was 10 minutes.

The shelterdeck stern trawler, with its extra freeboard and high ramp aft was inherently safer than a side trawler. This assumed that there were ample freeing ports on deck as that there were no 'tween deck apertures open. There was little evidence to show that following seas could be a great danger, but a stern gate could minimize the risk; fish hatches must be able to be closed quickly, and though pneumatics were fast, they could freeze, Hydraulics can do the job in four seconds, however. A safety gate of the Fairtry type, which rose vertically by hydraulic power, could clear most cod end bags at a man's waist height so that he has something to grasp if swept aft. Stability was good on a stern trawler and there was less danger from icing.

It should not be imagined that the stern trawler's warps always lay fair behind her. Angles of 90 degrees to the vessel had been experienced and with the towing point so far aft, manoeuvring was difficult. One solution suggested was a bow propeller or "thruster," utilizing spare electric capacity when towing. The other possibility was a rudder nozzle, unless some method could be found of taking the towing strain further forward.

For the same reasons, it was difficult to come round on fouled gear as a side trawler could. Most could be cleared by hauling the ship back over the gear and using sheer force, though the <u>Fairtry</u> ships, with their after gallows, had found it possible to go astern between the warps, and so tow the gear free. It was important that the shape of the stern and the design of the warp fairleads was such that up-and-down warps and warps at 90 degrees horizontal angle should not chafe the hull plating.

Opinion was general that, in order to get the trawl aboard in no more than three heaves, the slip deck, or trawl deck should be as long as possible -- 75 feet being favored as a minimum. However, as one speaker pointed out, it was questionable whether the one heave eliminated by carrying the deck right forward was worth the loss of weather protection. The advantage of the Colonel Pleven II observation bridge wing was considerable, however. As for the system whereby the bight of the net was left trailing aft, the speaker thought this would be a drawback when having to change grounds or steam back over the tow. He thought there was a risk of over-complication of hauling gear, and enumerated no less than 10 wires and messengers which had to be operated. To use independent, specialized winches and capstans would mean 7 of these--too much for remote control by one man. Propern

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ly arranged through divided fairleads, they offered no problem to the whipping drums. The Fairtry's had used an independent cod end winch, with spring accumulator gear to absorb surge and had found it ideal. They also had a warping capstan aft for an outhaul messenger when shooting.

The French speaker described in detail, the special movable warp fairlead fitted to the sides of the Thalassa's ramp to prevent the danleno butterfly fouling the rampslip and to stop chafe between ramp and warp, bridles, etc. This seemed to provoke little interest, possibly because the detailed description suggested a lengthy procedure. In fact, there seemed little to choose between hauling methods, the long-established Fairtry method seeming to hold its own with newer systems. Emphasis was placed on the need for a barrier around which the bobbins could be hove tight to stop them rolling and split cod ends were favored by several speakers -- they stopped the 'bag' rolling and they halved the chance of loss through torn meshes. The Vaagtind had hauled a 35-ton bag without trouble and in one heave. Rollers at the top of the ramp were no longer considered to damage the catch, and saved much chafe. "Ulstrom" was now widely used for the whole trawl and the Norwegian oval trawl door was recommended by British experience.

The split-trawl winch, with mechanically-driven warp guiding gear was generally accepted as the future pattern. There was a wider acceptance, too, of hydraulic power, remote control, and (with one notable exception) multiple specialized winches in key positions. Another British speaker, in discussing the Ross Daring, was quite confident that the skipper could handle the winch from the wheelhouse.

There was some concern over winch brakes. On a side trawler, friction was applied to the warps by their circuitous path round the bollard fairleads, but on a stern trawler the winch brakes took the whole load when paying away the warps. Some improvement had been made on the Fairtry vessels by using special linings, but one British speaker thought that some tensioning system was desirable. A Norwegian discussed the use of regenerative braking, by which the winch drives its motor, which acts as a generator and applies braking effort. However,

this required specially designed worm gear, or better, bevel gear, which would take the reverse loads. Although hydraulics would act in this way, there was a danger of damage should a high pressure system be overspeeded. One speaker reported no trouble, probably due to slower shooting speeds. No mention was made of warp tensioning or metering devices, and the United States-type powered drum for winding on the trawl was criticized on the grounds that net repair and inspection was made difficult.

The conference ended with papers by the two White Fish Authority experts. One of the speakers suggested the need for designing now for the pattern of fisheries which we can expect in, say, 10 years' time. He had in mind the possibility of a greater protection of home grounds and greater exclusion from distant grounds, which could call for a more efficient inshore and near-water fleet. A number of "standard" designs were described, some of which had already been built in Norway. The other British expert discussed the relative merits of various engine arrangements, Diesel electric drive, and stern trawler specification generally.

In closing the meeting, the chairman of the White Fish Authority made an outspoken appeal to trawler owners, asking them to be less secretive and more ready to add their experience to the general pool of knowledge. (World Fishing, November 1963.)



# Venezuela

NEW SHRIMP-PROCESSING PLANT:

A new Venezuelan shrimp-processing plant was opened on the west side of the Paraguana Peninsula, northeast of Maracaibo, Venezuela, during the latter part of 1963. The plant capacity is not known. The new firm, which is associated with a Philadelphia fishery firm, plans to process and export shrimp to the United States. The plant is adjacent to the Gulf of Venezuela which, together with Lake Maracaibo, are the principal fishing areas of shrimp vessels operating in Venezuela. (United States Embassy, Caracas, December 24, 1963.)

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# Department of Commerce

AREA REDEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

WILLAPA BAY, WASHINGTON, OYSTER INDUSTRY STUDY APPROVED:

Improved techniques designed to increase the yield of marketable oysters from the Willapa Bay, Wash., area could result from a \$34,170 technical assistance study approved on December 17, 1963, by the Area Redevelopment Administration (ARA). Favorable results could lead to improvements in that industry creating new jobs during the oyster season, when large numbers of workers in logging operations are unemployed. Seasonal shifts between those two industries would be in the unskilled and semi-skilled categories which would not require retraining.

The ARA funds will be used by the Washington State Department of Fisheries for a one-year investigation of problems now blocking economic development in the industry. The three-part project will concentrate on ways to increase the meat yield of oysters, raise the nutrient level of beds through application of chemical fertilizers, and boost production of oyster seeds from local beds.

Willapa Bay is located in Pacific County which was designated as eligible to participate in the ARA program as a small area of persistent and substantial unemployment.



# Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON STANDARDS OF IDENTITY FOR FROZEN RAW BREADED SHRIMP:

A notice of public hearing regarding establishment of definitions and standards of identity for frozen raw breaded shrimp and frozen raw lightly breaded shrimp was announced by the Food and Drug Administration on December 18, 1963. The notice was published in the Federal Register of Saturday, December 21, 1963. The hearing was originally scheduled for January 20, 1964, at Washington, D. C., but was later postponed to February 17, and was to continue thereafter at such times and places as directed by the hearing examiner. All interested persons were invited to attend the hearing and present evidence.

The changes in hearing and prehearing conference dates were announced by the Food and Drug Administration on January 9 and published in the January 11, 1964 Federal Register.

A prehearing conference for the simplification of the issues, exchange of documentary evidence, the scheduling of witnesses, and such other matters was to be held on January 8, 1964, also in Washington, D. C. The prehearing date was later moved to February 7.

Pertinent sections of the notice of public hearing regarding establishment of definitions and standards of identity for frozen raw breaded shrimp and frozen raw lightly breaded shrimp as shown in the December 21, 1963, Federal Register follow:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the Federal Register of March 31, 1961 (26 F.R. 2722), setting forth the joint petition of the National Pisheries Institute, Inc., 1614 Twentieth Street Nw., Washington 9, D.C., and the National Shrimp Breaders Association, Inc., 624 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 5, Illinois, for the establishment of a definition and standard of identity for frozen raw breaded shrimp. Based upon comments received from interested persons and other information available, an order by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs was published in the Federal Register of May 7, 1963 (28 F.R. 4556), promulgating definitions and standards of identity for frozen raw breaded shrimp (21 CFR 36.30) and frozen raw breaded shrimp (21 CFR 36.30) and frozen raw

gen raw lightly breaded shrimp (21 CFR \$131). Objections were filed to the order, and a public hearing was requested as provided in the Federal Food, Drug, and Commetic Act (sec. 701(e)(2), 70 Stat \$19; 21 U.S.C. 371(e)(2)). A notice was published on July 6, 1963 (SF.R. 6915), announcing that objections had been filed and that the order was stayed pending a resolution of the was stayed pending a resolution of the inues at a public hearing.

The Commissioner of Food and Drugs has concluded that the objections state reasonable grounds for a hearing on the

Whether it will promote honesty and fair dealing in the interest of the consumer to require the following mini-mum amounts of shrimp material:

a. Fifty percent for frozen raw breaded thrimp (21 CFR 36.30) or should the um percentage be increased to

sixty percent.

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b. Seventy percent for frozen raw lightly breaded ahrimp (21 CFR 36.31). 2. Whether it will promote honesty and fair dealing in the interest of the consumer, in the label declaration of the food and the optional ingredients, to:

a. Require that a prominent label declaration of optional ingredients shall immediately precede or follow the name of the food, without intervening written, printed, or graphic matter, wherever such name appears on the label so conspicuously as to be easily seen under customary conditions of purchase (21 CFP 36 30(f))

customary conditions of purchase (21 CFR 36.30(f)).

b. Require the naming of composite units of shrimp (21 CFR 36.30(e).(6)) as "Breaded shrimp cuttets", if cutlet-shaped; "Breaded shrimp sticks", if stick-shaped; and if in a shape other than cuttet or stick, "Breaded shrimp———," the blank to be filled in with the word or phrase that accurately describes the shape but is not misleading.

c. Fermit the item consisting of units prepared from pieces or parts of shrimp to be designated as anything other than "Breaded shrimp pieces" (21 CFR 36.30 (e) (5)).

d. Permit as an alternative designa-tion for "Breaded round shrimp" (21 CFR 36.30(e)(3)) which have tail fins on the designation "Breaded round fan-tail shrimp" tail shrimp.

e. Require the size of the raw shrimp used to be listed on the label and to establish standards for size based on the

number of shrimp per pound, including a definition of size for prawns based on

a definition of size for prawns based on number of shrimp per pound.

1. Require the percentage of breading present to be listed on the label.

2. Require a designation of geographical origin of the raw shrimp.

3. Whether the regulation for the method of determining shrimp material should vary from that prescribed by the United States Department of the Interior in 50 CFR 262.21, specifically:

a. By providing for the use of a rubber-tipped glass strring rod (21 CFR 36.30(g) (1) (kr)).

b. By the use of the term "+2" instead of "+5" in the formula for calulating the percent of shrimp matter (21 CFR 38.30 (g) (1) (li)).

4. Whether a provision should be added to the standards of identity limit-

added to the standards of identity limiting the time raw frozen shrimp may be
held in storage prior to breading.
Objections were also received referring
to absence of regulations for rules for
inspections, regarding tolerances for and
the handling of "out of grade" packs,
and regarding the establishment of a
standard of quality. It is the opinion
of the Commissioner that these matters
are not process the traducted in the verare not proper to be included in the pro-posed standards.

Note: See Commercial Fisheries Review, August 1963 p. 114; June 1963 p. 94.

# U. S. Tariff Commission and

# U. S. Trade Information Committee

HEARINGS HELD ON SOME FISHERY PRODUCTS PRELIMINARY TO 1964 GATT NEGOTIATIONS:

The U.S. Tariff Commission and the U.S. Trade Information Committee began public hearings on December 2, 1963, to permit the United States industry to advise the Government of its interest in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) negotiations scheduled to be held during 1964 in Geneva. The Tariff Commission scheduled the following organizations of the United States fisheries industry for oral appearances and testimony on December 11, 1963: Alaska Fishermen's Union; Association of Pacific Fisheries; American Tunaboat Association; Tuna Research Foundation; Maine Sardine Packers Association; Romanoff Caviar Company; and the Alaska King Crab Association.

The Tariff Commission is to advise the President as to the probable economic effects of possible tariff reductions on United States industries producing like or directly competitive articles. The public hearings were an important part of the Commission's investigation and collection of information.

Hearings by the Trade Information Committee (an inter-agency body chaired by a representative of the Office of Special Representative for Trade Negotiations), will cover all aspects of the tariff-swapping sessions, including the lowering of trade barriers on articles on the United States public list. The Committee hopes to be able to focus on determining which foreign tariffs and trade restrictions are most burdensome to United States exporters and should be reduced or eliminated in the interest of expanding United States exports.

The Notice of Investigation and Hearings was announced by the Tariff Commission on October 22, 1963, and published in the Federal Register of that date, as follows:

# TARIFF COMMISSION

[TEA-221(b)-1]

PRESIDENT'S LIST OF ARTICLES FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION IN TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIA-

Notice of Investigation and Hearings

Tariff Commission public hearings will begin on December 2, 1963.
 The final date for filing requests to testify at the Tariff Commission public hear-ings is November 20, 1963.

On October 22, 1963, the President, pursuant to section 201(a) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (hereinafter re-ferred to as "the Act"), furnished the United States Tariff Commission (here-

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inafter referred to as "the Commission") a list of articles (hereinafter referred to as the "President's list") to be considered for modification or continuance of United States duties or other import re-strictions, or continuance of United States duty-free or excise treatment, in connection with trade-agreement ne-gotiations to be conducted under the Act. sident's list is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER concurrently with this notice.

I. Investigation instituted. In accordance with Part 205 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, the Commission has instituted an investigation for the purpose of obtaining, to the extent practicable, information of the kind described in section 221(c) of the Act for use in connection with the preparation of advice to the President re-quired by section 221(b) of the Act, namely, advice with respect to each arti-cle included in the President's list of the Commission's judgment as to the probable economic effect of modifications of duties or other import restrictions on industries producing like or directly competitive articles.

II. Procedure for conduct of hearings and submission of written views. A.
Public hearings in connection with the
investigation will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 2d day of December, 1963, in the Hearing Room, Tariff Commission Building, 8th and E Streets NW., Washington, B.C.

1. Requests to appear at the public hearings must be filed in writing with the Secretary of the Commission on or before November 20, 1963. Such request must contain the following information:

The item number or numbers in the Tariff Schedules of the United States covering the article or articles on which testimony will be presented.

b. The name and organization of the witness or witnesses who will testify, and the name, address, telephone number, and organization of the person filing the request.

c. A statement indicating whether the testimony to be presented will be on behalf of importer or domestic-producer

d. A careful estimate of the aggregate time desired for presentation of oral testimony by all witnesses for whose ap-pearances the request is filed.

2. Allotment of time: Because of the extensive scope of the President's list, limitation of time for the presentation of oral testimony is in the public interest.

Accordingly, in scheduling appearances at the hearings the time to be allotted to witnesses for the presentation of oral testimony will be limited as circumstances require. Supplemental written statements will be allowed in all cases, and should be submitted at the time of presentation of oral testimony.

3. Notification of date of appearance: Persons who have properly filed re-quests to appear will be individually notified in advance of the date on which they will be scheduled to present oral testimony and of the time allotted for presentation of such testimony.

4. Order of hearings: To the extent practicable the hearings will follow the order of the Tariff Schedules of the United States, beginning with Schedule 1. Animal and Vegetable Products.

1 See Presidential Notice of October 21,

Questioning of witnesses will be limited to members of the Commission.

B. Written information and views in lieu of appearance at the public hear-ings may be submitted by interested persons. A signed original and nine-teen true copies of such statements shall teen true copies of such statements shall be submitted. Business data which it is desired shall be treated as confidential shall be submitted on separate sheets, each clearly marked at the top "Business Confidential." All written statements, except for confidential business data, will be reade, available for inspection by faexcept for commental outsiness data, will be made available for inspection by in-terested persons. To be assured of con-sideration by the Commission, written statements in lieu of appearance should be submitted at the earliest practicable date, but not later than the date of the ing of the public hearings.

III. Requests for reservation of certain items from negotiations. Under conditions set forth in section 225(b) of the Act, certain articles included in the President's list must be reserved by the President's list must be reserved by the President from negotiation for the re-duction of duty or other import restriction or the elimination of duty. This reservation provision applies to any article with respect to which (1) the Commission, in escape-clause proceed-ings concluded prior to October 11, 1962, found by majority vote that it was being imported in such increased quantities as to cause or threaten serious injury to as to cause or threaten serious injury to an industry, (2) there was not in effect on October 11, 1962, any action taken under section 7 of the Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1951, (3) a request in behalf of the industry concerned is filed with the Commission not later than 60 days after publication of the President's and (4) the Commission finds and advises the President that economic con-ditions in such industry have not sub-stantially improved since the date of the

report of the finding referred to in (1).

A. Articles subject to request for reservation under section 225(b) of the Act are listed in the Annex to this notice.

B. Requests for reservation may be filed by or on behalf of any firm or firms which in 1962 accounted for more than 50 percent of the production (by quantity) of the domestic article concerned cape-clause investigation which resulted in a majority Commission find-ing of serious injury or the threat thereof. Interested persons who intend fling requests are urged to do so within the time specified in part II A 1 for the filing of requests to appear at the pub-lic hearings in connection with the President's list. Persons doing so will be allowed additional time for the presentation of evidence at the hearings. (Note \$ 205.9 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 205.9) which provides that investigations for the numbers of section 235(b). tions for the purposes of section 225(b) of the Act will be consolidated with the investigation for the purposes of section 221 of the Act.)

C. Requirements for requests. quests for reservation shall include the following: (1) The names and addresses of the firms known by the persons filing the request to be producing the domestic article concerned, and the location of the separate establishments, if any, of such firms in which such article is pro-duced; (2) data on production by quantity of the domestic article concerned for each of the years 1958 through 1962; and (3) a statement of the facts formAnnex—Articles Reversed to in Part III or Tariff Commission Notice

NOTE: "TSUS" refers to "Tariff Schedules of the hited States"; "pt" after an item number means that I'v part of the item is involved!

TSUS item No.	Articles	Number and date of Tariff Commis- aton repor
110. 50 110. 55	Cod, cusk, haddock, hake, pol- lock, and Atlantic ocean perch (rosefish), "otherwise pro- cessed".	7-47 10/13/96
126, 23	Alsike clover seed	1-10401-2
136. 30	Garlic	5/8/87 177, 3d Ber. 6/6/III
186. 20	Fur, not on the skin, prepared for hatters' use, and carrotted furskins.	178, 2d Ser. 11/9/51
346, 15 346, 20 346, 22 345, 34	Velveteens, of cotton	7-49 10/34/36
372.65(pt)	Screen-printed scarves, of silk	7-19 4/13/83
425. 94	Tartaric acid	7-89
426.76	Cream of tartar	7-70
532.21(pt)	Coramic mosale tiles (except such tiles valued a \$6 const or more per square foot, and except tiles in sheets (1) containing over \$50 tiles per square more than half, of the tiles with faces which (disregarding rounded corpers) are in the form of triangles, rectangles, angles, rectangles, angles, rectangles, or special satisfaction of the pattern as the form of the pattern as the form of the pattern as the form of the pattern of the pattern of the pattern.	7-100 5/10/61
600.91	Scissors and shears and blades therefor, valued over \$1.75 per	7-94 8/13/64
25.04(pt)	dozen. Violins and violas valued not over \$25 each.	7-55
732, 02 732, 04 732, 06 732, 06 732, 08 732, 10 732, 12 732, 14 732, 16 732, 18 732, 20 732, 22 732, 22	Bicycles	7-87 3/14/86
784. 55(pt)	Baseball (including softball) gloves and mitts.	7-07 5/1/61 (7-83
745. 82	Dressmakers' or common pins	1/30/07 7-100
781. 20(pt) 781. 28(pt)	Ribs and stretchers of metal for umbrellas or parasols of the kind commonly carried inshe- hand when in use, in frames or otherwise, and tubes (rods) for such umbrellas, whether or	7-62 1/14/88
785. 35(pt)	not of metal. Ferrocerium and other cerium	7-41 12/21/5
786. 20(pt)	alloys. Tobacco pipes and pipe bowls, of brier wood or root, valued	7-10
790. 05	not over \$5 per dozen. Spring type clothespins	7-57 9/10/67

ing the basis of the claim that economic conditions in the industry producing the domestic article concerned have not improved since the date of the report of the Commission which contained the find

Commission which contained the main of serious injury or the threat thereof.

IV. Related hearings before the Trade Information Committee. Published in the FEDERAL REGISTER concurrently with this notice is an announcement by the Trade Information. Committee: "resadi. Trade Information Committee ' regarding public hearings to be held by the Committee on the articles included in the President's list, and on other mat-ters, to begin on December 2, 1963. Oral testimony and written statements of in-terested persons received by the Commission in connection with its investiga-tion for the purposes of section 221 of the Act will be made available by the

\*See F.R. Doc. 63-11183, in Notices at

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Commission to the Trade Information Committee. Accordingly, as stated in the Trade Information Committee's no-tice, appearance before the Trade Infor-mation Committee for the purpose of submitting the same information, al-though permissible, will not be neces-

V. Communications to be addressed to Secretary. All communications regard-ing the Commission's investigation should be addressed to the Secretary. United States Tariff Commission, Wash-ington, D.C., 20436.

Issued October 22, 1963.

By direction of the United States Tariff Commission.

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# **U. S. Tariff Commission**

HEARINGS ON EXCLUSION OF GROUNDFISH AND OCEAN PERCH FILLETS FROM TARIFF MODIFICATION:

The U.S. Tariff Commission on December 23, 1963, announced hearings for January 28, 1964, to determine whether or not groundfish and ocean perch fillets (cod, cusk, haddock, hake, pollock, and Atlantic ocean perch, under Tariff Schedules of the United States Item Nos. 110.50 and 110.55) will be eligible for exclusion from the President's list of articles up for tariff modification in the forthcoming trade negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The Notice of Investigations and Hearings announced by the Tariff Commission on December 26, was published in the Federal Register of December 27, 1963.

Note: Earlier, on December 11, 1963, fishing industry representatives appeared before the U.S. Tariff Commission and the Trade Information Committee to give testimony as to why their products should or should not be included on the negotiating list for possible tariff reductions which the United States will take to the GATT conference scheduled to open in Geneva in May

Department of the Treasury

HALIBUT STEAKS FROM JAPAN NOT BEING SOLD AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE:

A determination that halibut steaks from Japan are not being, nor likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 201 (a) of the Antidumping Act, 1921, as amended (19 U.S.C. 160 (a)), was announced by the U.S. Department of the Treasury on December 12, 1963. The statement of reasons as published in the Federal Register of December 27, 1963, fol-

> Statement of reasons: The imported product is halibut steak. The quantity product is halibut steak. The quantity of halibut steaks sold for home consumption is inconsequential. Dressed halibut, however, is sold for home consumption. The dressed halibut is deemed to be similar to halibut steaks within the meaning of the Antidumping Act. The quantity of dressed halibut sold for home consumption was sufficient to furnish a hasis for a fair value comparison.

consumption was sufficient to furnish a basis for a fair value comparison.

There is no relationship between the sellar and the purchaser in the United States within the meaning of section 207 of the Antidumping Act.

The appropriate comparison for fair value purposes, therefore, is between purchase price and adjusted home market price.

Purchase price was computed by deducting inland freight and shipping charges from the f.o.b. Japanese port price.

Adjusted home market price was com-puted by adding to the price of dressed halibut in the home market, the cost of processing it into steaks. The proceeds from the sale of certain by-product wastes produced in the manufacture of wastes produced in the manufacture of the steak were deducted. An addition was made to reflect the additional cost resulting from the fact that the halibut steak yield was less than 100 percent of the dressed halibut. The extra cost of export packing was also added. Purchase price was found to be not lower than adjusted home market price.

The determination was the result of a complaint received by the Treasury Department that halibut steaks from Japan were being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of the Antidumping Act of 1921.

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PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON ANTIDUMPING REGULATIONS:

A public hearing on Treasury Department regulations (19 CFR 14.6-14.13) now in effect under the Antidumping Act (19 U.S.C. 160-173) was held on January 23, 1964, at Washington, D.C.

The Notice of Hearing dated December 19, 1963, that the Treasury Department is presently reviewing its regulations on the Antidumping Act was published in the Federal Register of December 24, 1963.



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# Eighty-Eighth Congress (First and Second Sessions)

CONGRESS ADJOURNS: After the longest session in 20 years, the first session of the

session in 20 years, the first session of the 88th Congress adjourned sine die on Dec. 30, 1963. The second session of this Congress will convene on Jan. 7, 1964. All pending legislation before either the Senate or House will retain its status as of adjournment and will be subject to further considera-

tion in the second session. Bills introduced in the first session do not have to be reintroduced. Bills that were reported out of a committee or passed by one body of the Congress remain in status quo and do not have to again retrace their legislative steps.

CONGRESS RECONVENES: The second session of the 88th Congress convened on Jan. 7, 1964.

FOOD-FOR-PEACE, AND FISH: The President on Dec. 16, 1963, signed H. R. 7885, an act to amend further the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (P. L. 88-205). Included in this law is a provision for the inclusion of domestically-produced fishery products under Public Law 480 (Sec. 403 (c)). This would amend section 106 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (P. L. 480) to include, in title I and title IV programs, any domestically-produced fishery product if the Secretary of the Interior determines that the product at the time of export is excess of domestic requirements, adequate carry-over, and anticipated exports for dollars. Fish flour (fish protein concentrate) will not be included until approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The amendment with respect to title I will not become effective until Jan. 1, 1965.

IMPORT COMMODITY LABELING: The President on Jan. 1, 1964, vetoed H. R. 2513, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to require certain new packages of imported articles to be marked to indicate the country of origin, and for other purposes. In a statement explaining his veto of the labeling measure, the President said it would: (1) "Raise new barriers to foreign trade and invite retaliation against our exports at a time when we are trying to expand our trade and improve Western unity; (2) "Impose new costs on merchants and consumers; (3) "Saddle new and unworkable burdens upon our Bureau of Customs at a time when we are trying to reduce Government expenditures..." The President also stated "there is no need for this bill" because the Federal Trade Commission already has authority to require disclosure of the foreign origin of articles offered for sale in this country whenever "there may be danger of deception of the purchaser." The President's statement appeared in the Congressional Record of Jan. 7, 1964, pp. 5 and 6.

NORTH PACIFIC FUR SEAL CONVENTION: On Jan. 16, 1964, Senator Fulbright (Arkansas) announced

from the floor of the Senate that hearings would be held by the Committee on Foreign Relations on Jan. 21, 1964, concerning the protocol amending the North Pacific Fur Seal Convention.

PRICE-QUALITY STABILIZATION: The Special Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce will resume hearings on Jan. 22 and 23, 1964, on S. 774, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act, to promote quality and price stabilization, to define and restrain certain unfair methods of distribution, and to confirm, define and equalize the rights of producers and resellers in the distribution of goods identified by distinguishing brands, names, or trademarks, and for other purposes.

RUSSIAN TRAFFIC IN UNITED STATES TERRITORIAL WATERS: Russian Trawler Traffic in United States Territorial Waters (Hearings before the Subcommittee for Special Investigations of the Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, 88th Congress, 1st Session), 129 pp., printed. Contains hearings held July 9 and 10, 1963, on Russian trawler traffic in territorial waters of the United States, particularly on the coast of Florida; and testimony or statements of various Government officials and members of Congress.

SHELLFISH INDUSTRY PROBLEMS: Molluscan Shellfish (Hearings before the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation of the Committee on Merchant and Marine and Fisheries, House of Representatives, 88th Congress, 1st Session), 234 pp., printed. Contains hearings held Oct. 2 and 3, 1963, to consider the problems confronting the oyster industry and to appraise all the problems besetting the molluscan shellfish industry. Also contains the statements or testimony of various Government agencies, state governments, and industry people.

SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER LOANS: The House on Jan. 16, 1964, received the report (H. Rept. 1097) from the Committee on Banking and Currency on S. 1309, to amend the Small Business Act to increase the revolving fund and broaden disaster loan authority. The bill, which was passed by the Senate on Nov. 21, 1963, contains an amendment which would provide disaster loans to firms which have "suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the inability of such concern to process or market a product for human consumption because of disease of toxicity occurring in such a product through natural or undertermined causes."

STATE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS FY 1964:
Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations, 1964
(Hearings before the Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, 88th Congress, 1st Session), 1,208 pp., printed. Contains hearings held on H. R. 7063, making appropriations for the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964, and for other purposes. Included in the funds for the Department of State are appropriations for the International Fisheries Commissions.

H. R. 7063, was passed by the House June 18, 1963, and by the Senate, with amendments, Dec. 12, 1963.

S. Rept. 747, Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 1964 (Dec. 5, 1963, Report from the

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Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, 88th Congress, 1st Session), 35 pp., printed. Contains the report of the Committee and the various amendments.

A conference on H. R. 7063 by the Committee of Conference was held on Dec. 17, 1963, and was reported (H. Rept. 1056) to the respective Houses on the same date.

H. Rept. 1056, Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 1964 (Dec. 17, 1963, a Conference Report from the Committee of Conference, House of Representatives, 88th Congress, 1st Session, to accompany H. R. 7063), 7 pp., printed. The Committee of Conference came to agreement and presented their recommendations to the respective Houses. Included in the appropriations for the Department of State are funds for the International Fisheries Commissions for which the Committee of Conference recommended \$2,000,000, an increase of \$90,000 over the amount approved in FY 1963, but \$53,000 less than the amount requested by the State Department. The allocations for the Commissions are shown in the tabulation.

	Requested FY 1964	Approved FY 1964	Approved FY 1963
Inter-American Tropical Tuna	399,000	392,100	354,000
International Pacific Halibut	194,350	187,100	355,300
International Pacific Salmon	363,000	344,500	241,900
Northwest Atlantic Fisheries	6,000	6,000	6,000
International Whaling	900	900	900
North Pacific Fisheries	24,800	24,800	19,000
Great Lakes Fisheries	1,051,050	1,030,700	919,000
North Pacific Fur Seal	1,900	1,900	1,900
Expenses, U.S. Commissioners.	12,000	12,000	12,000
Total.	\$2.053.000	\$2,000,000	\$1.910.000

The Senate and the House agreed to the Conference Report Dec. 18, 1963. The President on Dec. 30, 1963, signed H. R. 7063 into Public Law 88-245.

SUGGESTED CHANGES INVITED IN TARIFF SCHEDULES OF UNITED STATES OF AUGUST 31, 1963: The Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives, on December 13, 1963, announced that the Committee had invited interested persons and groups to submit, in writing, to the Committee suggested revisions and changes in the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) which became effective August 31, 1963.

The suggested changes and revisions were to be limited to those provisions of the TSUS wherein it appears that through (1) oversight or inadvertence or (2) lack of information, errors have been made or clarifying language may be necessary.

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The Chairman stated that the purpose of the written statements would be to enable the Committee on Ways and Means to determine whether or not certain changes and revisions should be made where there have been errors, inadvertences, or a lack of sufficient information at the time the schedules were adopted by the Congress.



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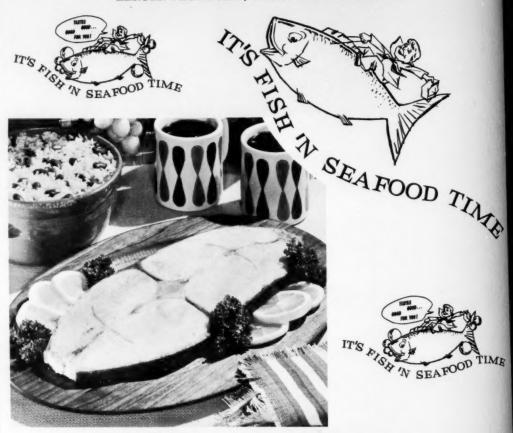
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# LENTEN PROMOTION, FEBRUARY 12-MARCH 29



Halibut Steaks Brazilian.

- 2 pounds halibut steaks or other fish steaks, fresh or frozen
- 2 tablespoons instant coffee
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

- 1/2 cup melted fat or oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon onion salt
- Chopped parsley

Thaw frozen steaks. Place in a shallow baking dish. Dissolve coffee in lemon juice. Add remaining ingredients except parsley; mix thoroughly. Pour sauce over fish and let stand for 30 minutes, turning once. Remove fish, reserving sauce. Place fish on a well-greased broiler pan and brush with sauce. Broil about 3 inches from source of heat for 4 to 5 minutes. Turn carefully and brush with remaining sauce. Broil 4 to 5 minutes longer or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Garnish with chopped parsley. Serves 6.

Halibut from the Pacific Northwest takes on a Latin flavor subtly complimented with the tangy zip of lemon and the warm freshness of coffee. Easy elegance, combined with already-on-the-shelf ingredients, will make this handy entree a popular favorite at your dinner table.

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